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Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., second from left, celebrates with fellow committee members on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, after Congress gave its final approval to a sweeping five-year farm bill.
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Caribbean: Branson hosts renewable energy summit

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Associated Press
KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Caribbean politicians and renewable power experts gathered Tuesday on British billionaire Richard Branson's private isle to discuss ways of transitioning to clean energy in an effort to spur small island nations to slash their dependence on fossil fuels and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Branson, the CEO and founder of the Virgin Group of companies, is hosting a three-day meeting of political and business leaders at Necker Island, his home

swept Caribbean can set a global example by embracing renewable power and energy self-reliance. The region with deep renewable resources and scant energy security now derives nearly all of its electricity from plants that burn imported oil and diesel.

"We're hoping to get a number of islands to sign up to get as carbon-neutral as they can over the next few years," Branson said in a phone interview from Necker, a 74-acre getaway for jetsetters that is also home to over 200 flamingoes.

Soaring power costs and

significant burden for their economies and consumers, Figueres said.

Jamaican Energy Minister Philip Paulwell recently said his country must reduce power costs from 42 cents per kilowatt hour to between 15-18 cents to be more competitive. Loan funding and removing taxes on solar energy equipment "will enable our people to participate in generating their own electricity and to sell it back to the grid." Since cash-strapped Caribbean governments don't have the money to introduce new public generating as-



Angus Friday, Oceans Representative at the World Bank, speaks to delegates attending a Caribbean Summit of Political Business Leaders at the home of Richard Branson on Necker Island, in the British Virgin Islands. Branson is hosting a three-day meeting, starting Feb. 4, 2014, of political and business leaders at Necker Island, Branson's home in the British Virgin Islands, in an effort to spur small island nations to slash their dependence on fossil fuels.

(AP Photo/Todd VanSickle)

in the British Virgin Islands where he has developed an exclusive eco-resort showcasing renewable energy technology.

The event is organized by the Carbon War Room, a nonprofit company Branson co-founded to promote cutbacks in greenhouse-gas emissions through smart private enterprise. It hopes to help small islands become carbon-neutral by accelerating commercial investment. Political delegations from 13 countries and territories, including several heads of state, are attending along with representatives from dozens of companies and multinational organizations.

Branson said he believes the sun-splashed, wind-

the lack of energy security are major regional concerns. Jose Maria Figueres, a former Costa Rican president who is now the president of the Carbon War Room, said most import-dependent Caribbean islands pay 35 to 55 cents per kilowatt hour. Miami-area households pay an average of 11.5 cents per kilowatt hour. Regional governments have long recognized that pricey oil-generated power from utilities with a virtual monopoly on electricity makes their fragile economies even less competitive but most have made little progress with solar, wind and geothermal power. But proven renewable energy technologies offer islands the chance to reduce this

sets, independent power producer models are used on the islands, said Lynn Tabernacki, managing director of renewable energy programs at the U.S. government's Overseas Private Investment Corporation. In an email, Tabernacki said Caribbean island states present an opportunity, contrary to most markets where there is a struggle for renewables to achieve grid parity and considerable commercial and political risks if it's not achieved. Because in the Caribbean renewables would compete with the high cost of diesel and imported oil, she said there's a "strong commercial argument for making the switch as quickly and efficiently as possible." □

US officials: Iran is not open for business -yet

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WASHINGTON (AP)

— U.S. officials said Tuesday that an interim deal with Iran that promises to curb its nuclear program in exchange for some relief from economic sanctions does not mean that Tehran is open for business.

Undersecretary of State Wendy Sherman and David Cohen, undersecretary for terrorism and financing, acknowledged that European businesses are rushing to Iran to prepare for the possibility that all sanctions will be lifted if a comprehensive agreement is reached preventing Iran from developing a nuclear weapon. Both Sherman and Cohen sought to reassure members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — some of whom are eager to restore sanctions against Iran — that the U.S. will continue to enforce existing sanctions even as some are being eased and that those who violate them will be targeted.

"As part of this effort, over the last six weeks I have traveled to the U.K., Germany, Italy, Austria, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates carrying this message: 'Iran is not open for business,'" Cohen told skeptical lawmakers. "In all of these engagements we have made clear that we will continue to respond to Iran's efforts to evade our sanctions wherever they may occur. ... We are poised to deploy our tools against anyone, anywhere, who violates our sanctions, just as we have always done."

"Any deal the administration reaches with Iran must be verifiable, effective, and prevent Iran from ever developing even one nuclear weapon," said Sen. Robert Menendez, chairman of the committee.

"In my view, based on the parameters described in the joint plan of action, and Iranian comments in the days that have followed, I am very concerned about Iran's willingness to reach such an agreement," said Menendez, D-N.J. "We have placed our incredibly effective international sanctions regime on the line without clearly defining the parameters of what we expect in a final agreement."

Iran agreed in November to slow its uranium enrichment program to a level that is far below what would be necessary to make a nuclear bomb. It also agreed to giving international inspectors more access to its facilities as a way to give world leaders confidence that it is not trying to build weapons in secret.

In exchange, the U.S. and five other nations — Britain, Germany, France, Russia and China — agreed to ease an estimated \$7 billion worth of international sanctions that have had a detrimental effect on Iran's economy. The interim agreement is to last for six months while negotiators try to broker a final settlement.

Iran, which has a well-educated population and holds some of the world's largest oil and gas reserves, is desperate to revive its economy after years of international isolation. Iranian businessmen welcomed more than 100 potential investors from France who arrived in Iran on Monday in hopes of reviving economic ties amid the easing of some sanctions. They followed similar visits by the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, South Korea and other countries ready to explore new trade opportunities. Automobile makers also are eyeing Iran's workforce. The relief from sanctions should give Iran another \$7 billion. The more Iran benefits, the less incentive it will have to negotiate a final agreement, Mark Dubowitz, director of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, said, adding that he fears both Tehran and Washington will keep extending the six-month interim deal. □

Target to speed adoption of European anti-fraud technology

HILARY STOUT

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WASHINGTON - A top executive of Target told a Senate committee on Tuesday that the company was accelerating plans to adopt a technology widely used in Europe but rare

breach on Jan. 10, some six months after it began last July. He said the malware that infiltrated the company's system was "exceedingly sophisticated," that it had a "zero percent detection rate" by antivirus software, and that the

company had first learned of a possible breach when MasterCard contacted it on Dec. 17 to say that 122 of its cards that had been used fraudulently had also been used at one Neiman Marcus store. The breaches have un-

settled consumers, and left many angry and uncertain about the safety of their personal information. The incidents have reignited calls for federal legislation setting database security standards and consumer notification requirements. (Currently federal law requires banks to notify customers of data breaches, but retailers have no such requirement and are subject to a patchwork of state laws instead.)

"These stores are a major part of our economy," said the committee chairman, Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt. If consumers don't trust businesses to keep their data secure, he said, "our economic recovery is going to falter."

The Target incident alone is believed to have exposed personal data of as many as 110 million customers, more than a third of the population of the United States. The Neiman Marcus breach, though affecting far fewer people - an esti-

mated 1.1 million went on much longer, from July 16 to Oct. 30 of last year, the company said. In testimony Tuesday, Kingston said no online transactions were affected. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., noted that she was a Neiman Marcus shopper - including during the period when data was compromised - but had not been personally notified by the company that her personal data may have been jeopardized. She said public disclosures through the media were "too vague." Kingston insisted that all shoppers during that time had been notified directly, including online shoppers who weren't affected. "Well, I'll go home and look for my notice," she replied. Several reports of smaller breaches as well have emerged recently (including data skimming devices found on registers at a Miami Nordstrom and the theft of data of about 6,000 online shoppers at Easton-Bell Sports). □



Executives including, from left: John Mulligan of Target, Michael Kingston of Neiman Marcus, De-lara Derakhshani of the Consumers Union and Fran Rosch of Symantec take the oath before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capital Hill in Washington, Jan. 4, 2014. The hearing focused on preventing data breaches and cybercrime and comes amid reports of consumers using more cash instead of plastic in the wake of credit card data security breaches.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

in the United States that reduces potential for credit card fraud, and lawmakers from both parties called on other businesses to do the same. The session, a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on privacy in the digital age, was the first time that executives from Target and Neiman Marcus have been subject to detailed public questioning about the detection and handling of the recent data security breaches that exposed the data of millions of customers.

John J. Mulligan, Target's chief financial officer, confirmed that the data thieves gained entry to Target's system by stealing an outside vendor's credentials, and he disclosed for the first time that Target found malware on 25 registers three days after the company thought it had removed the threat from its system.

Michael R. Kingston, chief information officer of the Neiman Marcus Group, spent much of his testimony going over the time frame that led to public disclosure of his company's

MARY JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has given its final approval to a sweeping five-year U.S. farm bill that provides food for the needy and subsidies for farmers. Ending years of political battles, the Senate on Tuesday sent the measure to President Barack Obama, who is expected to sign it. The Senate passed the bill 68-32. The bill provides a financial cushion for farmers who face unpredictable weather and market conditions. But the bulk of its nearly \$100 billion-a-year cost is for the food stamp program, which aids 1 in 7 Americans allowing them to buy nutritious yet low-cost food.

House Republicans had hoped to trim the bill's costs, pointing to a booming agriculture sector in recent years and saying the now \$80 billion-a-year food stamp program has spiraled out of control. Partisan disagreements stalled the bill for more than two



In this October, 2013 photo, Larry Hasheider walks along one of his corn fields on his farm in Okawville, Ill. Congress has given its final approval to a sweeping five-year farm bill that provides food for the needy and subsidies for farmers. Ending years of political battles, the Senate vote Tuesday sends the measure to President Barack Obama, who is expected to sign it.

(AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

years, but conservatives were eventually outnumbered as the Democratic Senate, the White House and a still-powerful bipartisan coalition of farm-state lawmakers pushed to get the bill done.

The final compromise bill would get rid of controversial subsidies known as direct payments, which are

paid to farmers whether they farm or not. But most of that program's \$4.5 billion annual cost was redirected into new, more politically defensible subsidies that would kick in when a farmer has losses. The food stamp program was cut about 1 percent; the House had pushed for five times that much.

Direct subsidies to U.S. farmers and other contentious agricultural issues have long bedeviled attempts to expand free trade across the Atlantic, leading the United States and European Union to file complaints against the other before the World Trade Organization, an arbitrator in trade disputes. While the U.S. protests EU restrictions that keep American farm products out of Europe, Europeans have long wanted the U.S. to reduce agricultural subsidies. Despite the disputes, the U.S. and EU have been working on creating the world's largest free trade agreement.

The bill going to Obama's desk would save around \$1.65 billion annually overall. But critics said that under the new subsidies, those savings could disappear if the weather or the market doesn't cooperate.

The White House has been mostly quiet as Congress worked out its differences on the bill. □

Senate sends sweeping farm Bill To Obama

Actor's death underscores surging US heroin trade

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NEW YORK - Detectives found dozens of small packages in the West Village apartment where actor Philip Seymour Hoffman died Sunday. Most were branded, some with purple letters spelling out Ace of Spades, others bearing the mark of an ace of hearts. At least five were empty, and in the trash.

Each of the packages, which can sell for as little as \$6 on the street, offered a grim window into Hoffman's personal struggle with a resurgent addiction that ultimately, the police said, proved fatal. And the names and logos reflect a fevered underground marketing effort in a city that is

awash in cheap heroin.

Heroin seizures in New York state are up 67 percent over the last four years, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration said. Last year, the agency's New York office seized 144 kilograms of heroin, nearly 20 percent of its seizures nationwide, valued at roughly \$43 million. From 2010 to 2012, after several years of decline, heroin-related overdose deaths increased 84 percent in New York City to 382, according to the Health Department statistics.

Bags bearing different stamps turn up in raids of large scale heroin mills around the city. To be sure, there is variety, especially in potency and reliability.

Recently, 22 people died in and around Pittsburgh after overdosing from a batch of heroin mixed with fentanyl, a powerful opiate usually found in patches given to cancer patients. Heroin containing fentanyl, which gives a more intense but potentially more dangerous high, has begun to appear in New York City, said Kati Cornell, a spokeswoman for Bridget G. Brennan, the special narcotics prosecutor for the city.

Far from plaguing only big cities, heroin has emerged as a grave concern in places like Vermont, where last month the governor devoted his entire State of the State message to what he said was "a full-blown heroin crisis" gripping Ver-



Envelopes of heroin stamped with the street name "Kill Zone," from a seizure in New York. The many brand names of cheap heroin in New York City -- Lady Gaga, Gucci, I-95, MySpace, Twilight, Ace of Spades and more -- speak to an increasingly young and middle class clientele in a city that has always been America's heroin hub.

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mont. Some officials fear that efforts to drive down abuse of prescription medications

could be contributing to rising heroin use in New York City, as it has in places like Maine. □

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1 child dies, 1 hospitalized after N. Carolina cruise ship incident

GREENVILLE, North Carolina (AP) — One young boy died and a second was revived and taken to a hospital after they were pulled from a cruise ship swimming pool off North Carolina's coast Monday, officials confirmed, though they offered few additional details Tuesday. It was unclear whether the boy who died, age 4, and the 6-year-old who was flown to CarolinaEast Medical Center in New Bern with his grandmother and a nurse from the Norwegian Cruise Lines ship were related.

Hospital spokeswoman Chris Mackey said Tuesday that the boy's parents did not want the boy's condition shared with the public. Several spokespeople for Norwegian did not return messages Tuesday. The line said on its Facebook page that the Norwegian Breakaway's emergency medical team responded to a report that the children were unresponsive on the ship's pool deck and quickly administered CPR.

"After extensive efforts, the younger child could not be revived," the Facebook post said. "We extend our deepest sympathies to the

family during this extremely difficult time and are providing full assistance and support."

Norwegian Breakaway, an 18-deck ship with a capacity of 4,000 passengers, is one of Norwegian's newest ships and ship has a New York City theme with a colorful mural on the exterior hull designed by pop artist Peter Max featuring images of the Manhattan skyline and Statue of Liberty. The vessel homeports year-round from Manhattan.

It has several pool areas, including an aqua park with a play area for young children. There's also a supervised program for children ages 3 to 17 called Splash Academy.

Norwegian Cruise Line spokeswoman AnneMarie Mathews declined to specify which pool the children were found near. She also declined to say whether the children signed into care at Splash Academy or were supervised by their family.

The 4,000-passenger ship is based in New York and was headed to Florida on an itinerary that then had it headed to the Bahamas, according to Norwegian's website. □

Obama: \$750M pledged for student technology



President Barack Obama looks on as a Buck Lodge Middle School student uses a tablet computer, in Adelphi, Md., Feb. 4, 2014. Obama visited the school to deliver remarks detailing the progress of the ConnectED program, which hopes to give 99 percent of American school students access to high-speed internet connections within five years.

(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

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ADELPHI, Md. - Business leaders have pledged more than \$750 million as part of a White House initiative to strengthen access to technology for 99 percent of students within five years, President Barack Obama announced Tuesday.

Obama hailed the ConnectED program, which he initiated last summer, as a way to ensure that all students receive a high-quality education as they prepare to compete in the global economy.

"Today the average school has about the same Internet bandwidth as the average American home, but it serves 200 times as many people," he said.

The kind of 21st-century technology that is needed is available in too few schools, he said.

Technology companies like Verizon and Microsoft have committed to increasing

access to high-speed Internet in the classroom, as well as at home; providing software and devices like tablets and laptops; and training teachers to use the new technology.

Several other companies have agreed to join the president's initiative over the next few years, including Sprint, which has pledged to provide Internet access to 50,000 underprivileged students, and Apple, which has promised to give iPads, MacBooks and other devices worth a total of \$100 million to disadvantaged schools.

AT&T will offer more than \$100 million to give middle school students free Internet access on their educational devices.

Microsoft, among its other commitments, pledged to give 12 million copies of its Office software to schools. Verizon will invest up to \$100 million, and Autodesk and O'Reilly Media

pledged to make their software available at no cost. The news comes a day after the Federal Communications Commission announced that it would double its funding to provide and improve high-speed wireless Internet to schools and libraries over the next two years.

The additional investment of \$2 billion is expected to help 20 million students in at least 15,000 schools.

Fewer than 30 percent of schools are equipped with the broadband connectivity needed to stream video and use other educational tools available on the Internet, Cecilia Muñoz, the director of the White House's Domestic Policy Council, told reporters in a conference call Monday. □

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Silicon Valley's economy back at dot-com highs**MARTHA MENDOZA**
AP National Writer**SAN JOSE, California (AP)**

— Jobs, income and investment keep soaring in Silicon Valley, but the growth is also driving up housing costs and widening the gap between the rich and poor, a report released Tuesday says.

"The economy is sizzling any way you slice it and it's about to get hotter, but having said that, we are quick to point out there are perils with our prosperity," said Russell Hancock, president of Joint Venture Silicon Valley, which released its annual Silicon Valley Index in conjunction with the philanthropic Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

The region added nearly 47,000 jobs in 2013, up 3 percent over the previous year, and the total number of jobs has surpassed pre-recession levels. Many are high-wage jobs — 45 percent of households now earn more than \$100,000, and per capita income is above \$70,000 a year, much higher than the state average of about \$44,000. Meanwhile unemployment has fallen to less than 6 percent.

However, Silicon Valley Community Foundation president Emmett Carson said not everyone is benefiting.

"We have the highest high-wage, high-growth sectors in the country, but rising tides do not lift all boats," Carson said.

The growing divide between rich and poor is driven by an overwhelming demand for housing, according to the report. Last year, the region gained more than 33,000 new residents but only 6,500 new homes. "It's been tough because we've seen the cost of housing skyrocket and we've seen our pay plummet," said James Gonzales, a 13-year veteran of the San Jose Police Department and a leader of the police union.

Public employees lost wages and benefits during the recession, cuts that made it impossible for Gonzales and many of his colleagues to make their mortgage payments. □

US Financial Front:**America's deficit to drop to \$514B; Obama's lowest****ANDREW TAYLOR**
Associated Press**WASHINGTON (AP)**

— The U.S. budget deficit is set to fall to \$514 billion this year, down substantially from last year and the lowest level by far since President Barack Obama took office five years ago, a congressional report said Tuesday. The Congressional Budget Office credits higher tax revenues from the rebounding economy and sharp curbs on agency spending as the chief reason for the deficit's short-term decline.

But the budget experts see the long-term deficit picture worsening by about \$100 billion a year through the end of the decade because of slower growth in the economy than they had previously predicted.

The report also updates the budget office's analysis of the new health care law. It now projects that Obama's signature legislation will lead to about 2 million fewer full-time workers by 2017, a significantly larger effect on employment than predicted previously. The reduction in employment, the agency said, is because many people will choose not to work or will work fewer hours because of the law's incentives, which include subsidized health coverage for people

who don't have workplace coverage.

The agency also reduced its estimate of the number of uninsured people who will get coverage through the health care law. The

expect 1 million fewer people to sign up through the new insurance exchanges, for a new total of 6 million in 2014. Enrollment will pick up in 2015, topping 20 million in 2016 and beyond.

to rebound this year and grow at a 3.1 percent rate and by 3.4 percent next year. It foresees the jobless rate holding steady at 6.8 percent this year; the most recent nationwide unem-



Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers Jason Furman, right, accompanied by White House press secretary Jay Carney, speaks during the daily news briefing at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, about the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report and the Affordable Care Act. The federal deficit is likely to continue its slide to a lower-than-expected \$514 billion for 2014, the nonpartisan CBO reported Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

budget experts now say about 2 million fewer Americans will get covered this year than had been expected, partly because of website problems that prevented people from signing up last fall when new markets for subsidized private insurance went live. Website woes have largely cleared up, but the non-partisan analysts said they

Last year's deficit registered \$680 billion. Obama inherited an economy in crisis and the first deficits ever to exceed \$1 trillion. The 2009 deficit, swelled by the costs of the Wall Street bailout, hit a record \$1.4 trillion, while the deficits of 2010 and 2011 both registered \$1.3 trillion.

The report predicted the U.S. economy will continue

employment rate registered 6.7 percent. It predicts the jobless rate remaining above 6 percent through the remainder of Obama's term.

The agency sees the deficit sliding to \$478 billion next year before beginning a steady rise years through 2024 that would bring deficits back above \$1 trillion a year. □

US factory orders down 1.5 percent in December**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP Economics Writer**WASHINGTON (AP)**

— U.S. manufacturers saw orders for their products decline in December by the largest amount in five months although the setback for a key category that tracks business investment was not as large as first reported. Orders to U.S. factories fell 1.5 percent in December, the biggest drop since July, with much of the weakness coming from a plunge in aircraft orders, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. Orders had risen 1.5 percent in November after a 0.5 percent October decrease. Orders in a closely watched category that

serves as a proxy for business investment declined 0.6 percent, a smaller fall than the 1.3 percent drop estimated in a preliminary report last week. The decrease followed a sizable 3 percent jump in November, an increase spurred by an expiring tax break. Demand for durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, fell 4.2 percent, slightly less than the 4.3 percent preliminary estimate. Orders for nondurable goods such as chemicals, paper and food rose 1.1 percent in December following a 0.4 percent November gain. Analysts say part of the weakness in December reflected a temporary slow-

down following a rush to purchase capital goods in November to take advantage of expiring federal tax breaks. Orders for all of 2013 totaled \$5.82 trillion, up 2.5 percent from 2012, as manufacturing continued to recover from the Great Recession.

Gus Faucher, senior economist at PNC Financial Services, said he expects manufacturing will expand this year at about the same pace as the overall economy, which analysts are forecasting will gain momentum this year.

"Consumers are gradually increasing their spending, releasing some of the pent-up demand that has developed for big-ticket

items, such as cars and trucks, after being cautious with purchases since the Great Recession," Faucher said. "Better growth overseas is also boosting demand for U.S. manufacturers."

For December, demand for commercial aircraft, a volatile category, fell 17.5 percent after having risen 21.1 percent in November. While the drop in airplane orders led the declines, there was weakness in a number of categories. Orders for iron and steel fell 10 percent while demand for construction machinery was down 2.9 percent and demand for computers and other electronic products fell 6.3 percent. □



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Microsoft names new chief; Gates becomes adviser

NICK WINGFIELD

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SEATTLE - Microsoft on Tuesday announced that Satya Nadella (pronounced sa-TEE-ya na-DELL-uh) will be its next leader, betting on a longtime engineering executive to help the company keep better pace with changes in technology.

The selection of Nadella to replace Steven A. Ballmer, which was widely expected, was accompanied by news that Bill Gates, a company founder, had stepped down from his role as chairman and become a technology adviser to Nadella.

John W. Thompson, 64, a member of the Microsoft board who oversaw its search for a new chief executive, became the company's chairman, replacing Gates.

"During this time of transformation, there is no better person to lead Microsoft than Satya Nadella," said Gates, who remains a member of Microsoft's board. "Satya is a proven leader with hard-core engineering skills, business vi-

sion and the ability to bring people together."

In a statement, Nadella said, "Microsoft is one of those rare companies to have truly revolutionized the world through technology, and I couldn't be more honored to have been chosen to lead the company."

In Nadella, Microsoft's directors selected both a company insider and an engineer, suggesting that they viewed technical skill and intimacy with Microsoft's sprawling businesses as critical for its next leader. It has often been noted that Microsoft was more successful under the leadership of Gates, a programmer and its first chief executive, than it was under Ballmer, who had a background in sales. Ballmer, 57, said in August that he was stepping down.

Nadella, 46, from Hyderabad, India, is only the third chief executive of Microsoft, an icon of U.S. business that has struggled for a position in big growth markets like mobile and Internet search. The company has correctly antici-

pated many of the biggest changes in technology - the rise of smartphones and tablet computers, to use two examples - but it has often fumbled the execution of products developed to capitalize on those changes.

It remains to be seen whether Nadella's technical background, along

of Nadella's selection. Gates said Nadella asked him to make the change in his duties at Microsoft.

"I think he's the right person for the company right now," Frank Artale, a former Microsoft manager who works with Ignition Partners, a venture capital firm in the Seattle area, said of the selection of Nadella.



Satya Nadella, the head of corporate software and cloud computing at Microsoft, in Redmond, Wash., Oct. 3, 2012. Microsoft on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, announced that Nadella would be its next leader, betting on a longtime engineering executive to help the company keep better pace with changes in technology.

(Kevin P. Casey/The New York Times)

with the closer involvement of Gates in product decisions, will give the company an edge it lacked during the Ballmer years. Microsoft said in a statement that Gates will "devote more time to the company, supporting Nadella in shaping technology and product direction."

Relinquishing his role as chairman will allow Gates to spend over a third of his time with product groups at Microsoft, "substantially increasing my time at the company," he said in a video made for the news

"A strong technical leader is truly needed there." Nadella is a contrast to Ballmer in other ways. Most recently the executive vice president of Microsoft's cloud and enterprise businesses, Nadella peppers his conversations and speeches with technical buzzwords that people outside the industry would most likely find impenetrable.

As chief executive of the entire 100,000-person company, Nadella has to grapple with a much broader set of challenges in mar-

kets in which he has little experience, like mobile devices. He inherits a deal to acquire Nokia's mobile handset business, along with 33,000 employees, and a wide-ranging reorganization plan devised by Ballmer and still in progress. In an interview in July, Nadella was supportive of the reorganization plan, which he predicted would allow Microsoft to adapt to changes in the market more quickly than in the past.

"It's not like our old structure didn't allow us to do some of this," he said. "The question is whether you can amplify."

When Nadella joined Microsoft in 1992, it was still a scrappy, relatively small software company led by Gates that was just beginning its greatest years of growth. His familiarity with the company's history and culture was said to have been an important factor in Gates' comfort with Nadella as chief executive, according to someone briefed on the search for a new leader who asked for anonymity because the process was private.

But in an interview in April, he said the most important factor in Microsoft's ability to remain a growing business in the future was its ability to become a player in what he called new paradigms in computing, like cloud computing.

"That is, you could say, the existential issue for us," Nadella said.

"I think that with any new paradigm there will always be a couple of new players who come at it," he continued. "But to me the thing that is perhaps more interesting and challenging, and gets me excited, is, hey, how can we renew ourselves?"

In his statement Tuesday, Nadella said: "The opportunity ahead for Microsoft is vast, but to seize it, we must focus clearly, move faster and continue to transform. A big part of my job is to accelerate our ability to bring innovative products to our customers more quickly." □



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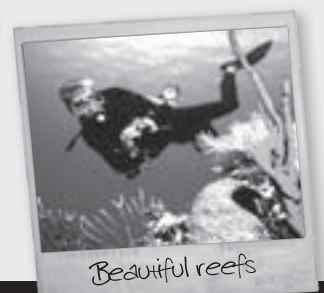
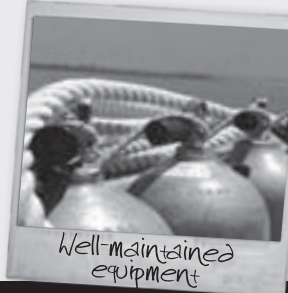


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US Ambassador to Russia to resign after Sochi games

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MOSCOW - The U.S. ambassador to Russia announced Tuesday that he would resign after the conclusion of the Winter Olympics, set to begin in Sochi on Friday, ending a stormy two-year tenure during which relations between the two countries were at their lowest ebb since the end of the Cold War.

Ambassador Michael McFaul, who spearheaded a "reset" in relations between Russia and the United States as a senior adviser to President Barack Obama during the president's first term, often served as a lightning rod for criticism from Russian officials who accused the State Department of funding opposition politicians and interfering in the country's internal affairs. "After more than five years of work in the administration of President Obama, the time has come to return home," McFaul wrote in a blog that he updated regularly, saying he wished to spend more time with his family.

McFaul pointed to successes in promoting cooperation on issues including counterterrorism and cybersecurity, which he said were often "important, but little noted by the general public."

The blog, along with his Twitter account, were staples of McFaul's digital diplomacy, an approach sometimes tainted by gaffes that nonetheless led to surprisingly frank exchanges between McFaul and ordinary Russians - both supporters and detractors. "Farewell, Mikhail!" the Russian Foreign Ministry said, referring to McFaul, in a curt response to the announcement on Twitter. "There's no political issue

here at all whatsoever," McFaul told reporters at Spaso House, the ambassador's residence in Moscow, on Tuesday. "There is no disenchantment with U.S.-Russian relations or all of those kinds of those things."

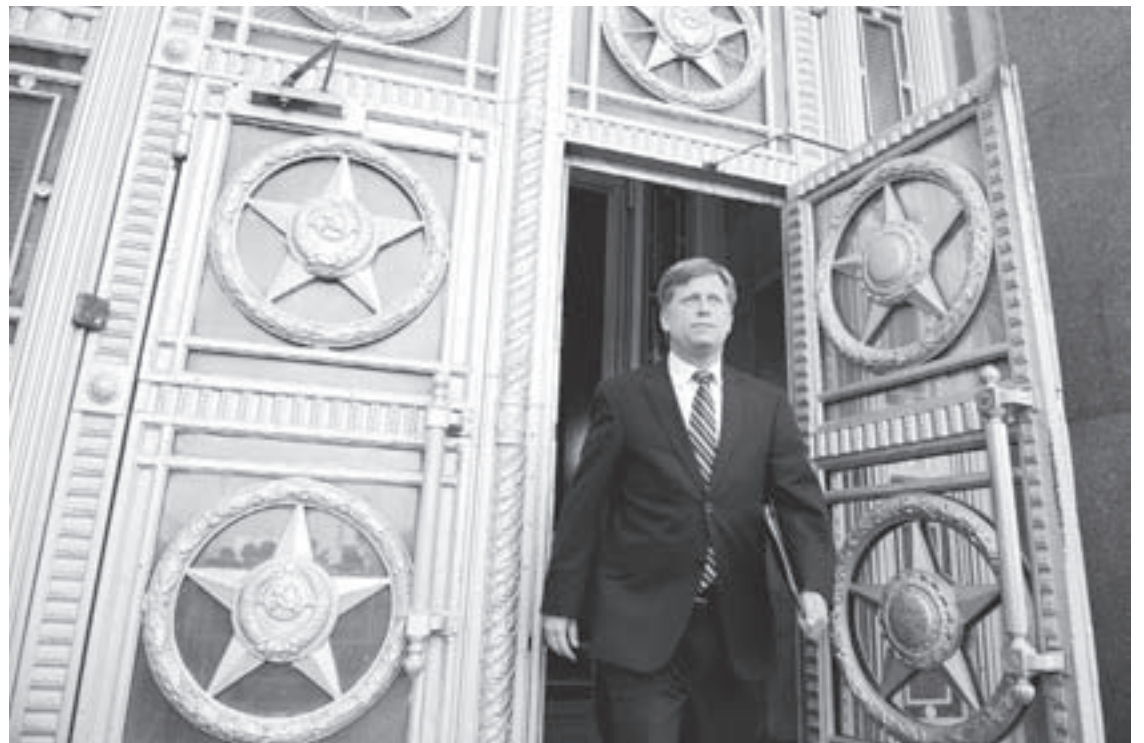
He acknowledged that the timing of his departure came months ahead of the next Group of Eight meeting that will be held this summer in Sochi, the site of the Olympic Games. He said there would be a gap before a replacement was named and confirmed by the Senate and that that had been a consideration in his deliberations over leaving now.

At the same time, he said that the areas where the United States and Russia are working together - including negotiations over Syria and Iran - would continue.

"I don't see my personal departure in anyway as a gap in that," he said.

As an adviser in the White House, McFaul helped design the New START nuclear arms control treaty, a foreign-policy success for the Obama administration that was widely viewed as the first significant overhaul of nuclear disarmament policy since the late-Cold War era. In Russia, however, McFaul encountered a country that was willing to assert itself and redefine its relations with the United States.

He arrived in Moscow during a cycle of protests against President Vladimir Putin beginning in late 2011. He was soon hounded by pro-government media stations for meeting with opposition politicians, leading to a public denial in his first month in Russia that he had been sent to the country to foment revolution. □



U.S. Ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul leaves the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow. McFaul announced on Feb. 4, 2014, that he would leave his post and return to the U.S. after the conclusion of the Winter Olympics that begin in Sochi on Feb. 7.

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Klitschko warns Ukrainian tempers are heating up

JIM HEINTZ

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian opposition leaders warned Tuesday that tempers are heating up and the president must take

Vitali Klitschko, the former heavyweight boxing champion who is one of the top figures in Ukraine's mass protests, met Tuesday with President Viktor Yanukovich as parliament held

tense protests have put Yanukovich under substantial pressure. But he has made no moves to work with the opposition since last week, when he pushed parliament to pass a mea-

buildings they occupy. Protesters rejected that condition and continue to seek Yanukovich's resignation and an early election.

"The temperature of society is growing and I told the president we have to immediately take a decision," Klitschko said after the meeting.

Another top protest figure, Oleh Tyahnybok, echoed his warning.

"I say it now: if they ignore the street, it means the street will react to this," Tyahnybok said.

Protests that began in late November have drawn substantial crowds to downtown Kiev, sometimes numbering above 100,000 people, and an extensive protest tent camp has been set up on the capital's main square. The protests turned violent in mid-January when demonstrators clashed with police for four days, raining stones and firebombs on riot police and setting their

vehicles afire.

The clashes subsided after three protesters died, at least two of them of gunshot wounds, but protesters have set up lines of high barricades at the clash site and the potential renewal of violence appears strong. At first protesters were angry that Yanukovich rejected a deal with the 28-nation European Union in favor of accepting a \$15 billion bailout from Russia. Now they are demanding more human rights and less corruption in their nation of 45 million.

With no new initiatives to resolve the tensions, it was unclear if the authorities were deploying a strategy of attrition, hoping the protests will wear themselves out.

There was no sign of quick movement on one of the opposition's demands — a return to the former constitutional division of powers that gave more influence to the prime minister and legislature. □



EU Foreign Policy chief Catherine Ashton, second right, poses prior to her meeting with Ukrainian opposition leaders, Oleh Tyahnybok, left, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, right, and Vitali Klitschko, second left, in Kiev, Ukraine, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2014.

(AP Photo/Andrew Kravchenko)

action to resolve the country's protracted political crisis.

a session but took no action. Over two months of in-

sure providing amnesty to many arrested protesters if demonstrators vacate

Erdogan seeks support from Turks abroad

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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan sought support from the largest Turkish diaspora community for his ruling party Tuesday, ahead of upcoming presidential elections.

Speaking to a crowd of several thousand at Berlin's Tempodrom arena, Erdogan denied recent allegations of corruption and cited the economic progress Turkey has made under his leadership over the past decade.

Some 3 million people with family ties to Turkey live in Germany, and about half of them are believed to hold Turkish passports, making them potential voters in this year's presidential elections.

Hours earlier Erdogan met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel to discuss his country's progress in joining the European

Union.

Merkel told reporters afterward that she supports opening the sections of Turkey's membership negotiations that address justice and human rights "as soon as possible."

Those sections are particularly sensitive at the moment because of Turkey's crackdown last year against opposition groups, and a recent corruption scandal that resulted in the replacement of police officials involved in the investigation.

Turkish news reports said this move by Erdogan thwarted a second probe that sought to question his son and other people.

Turkey's talks on joining the 28-nation EU began in 2005 but are barely moving — mainly due to Turkey's dispute with EU member Cyprus and unease among some in the bloc about admitting a populous, largely Muslim country.

Merkel has long opposed



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, listens as Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, left, speaks during a joint press conference after a meeting at the chancellery in Berlin, Germany, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014.

(AP Photo/Axel Schmidt)

full Turkish EU membership, but she has governed since 2005 in a series of coalitions that were divided over the issue. Her government's policy is to support the talks but stress that membership isn't a foregone conclusion.

"This process is open in terms of results and is not time-limited," she said

Tuesday.

"We will move forward step by step. It is no secret, and nothing has changed in my position, that I am rather skeptical about full membership for Turkey," she said. "But that doesn't need to bother us at this point." Merkel's third-term government recently agreed to relax citizenship

laws for Turks born in Germany so that they don't have to choose between Turkish and German passports by their 23rd birthday. On Tuesday, the two leaders announced that Turks in Germany will be able to take part in August's Turkish presidential elections at polling stations in seven German cities. □

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Syrian forces hit mosque with crude bomb, killing 11

DIAA HADID
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Men pull a girl from the rubble and haul her onto a dirty sheet of plastic, while another child, coated in white dust save for a red streak of blood from his nose, lies with his crushed leg dangling off a gurney — the grisly aftermath from the dropping of a crude "barrel bomb" by Syrian forces on the city of Aleppo. The bombing — one of at least seven such attacks in Aleppo on Tuesday — struck a mosque that was being used as a school, killing at least 11 people, activists said. A video supplied by activists contained scenes of the carnage.

It was the latest example of the heightened use of barrel bombs, devices packed with fuel, explosives and scrap metal that are hurled from helicopters, often indiscriminately. Since Thursday, around 80 people have been killed by barrel bombs used by Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces to try to dislodge rebels from Aleppo, according to figures provided by the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of activists on the ground. The video uploaded from the rebel-held Masaken Hanano district showed the aftermath of the explosion at or near the Uthman Bin Afan mosque, where adults were teaching children the Quran, said activist Hassoun Abu Faisal of the Aleppo Media Center. The video, excerpts of which are at <http://apne.ws/1c0t9yt>, was consistent with what reporting by The Associated Press found. A cameraman films from inside a vehicle as it speeds toward a place where dust is drifting into a clear blue sky. □

Iraqi militant leader refused to fall into line

ADAM SCHRECK
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — He has commanded a relentless bombing campaign against Iraqi civilians, orchestrated audacious jailbreaks of fellow militants and expanded his hard-line Islamist organization's reach deep into neighboring Syria.

While his may not be a household name, the shadowy figure known as Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi has emerged as one of the world's most lethal terrorist leaders. He is a renegade within al-Qaida whose maverick streak eventually led its central command to sever ties, deepening a rivalry between his organization and the global terror network.

Al-Baghdadi's Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant is the main driver of destabilizing violence in Iraq and until recently was the main al-Qaida affiliate there. Al-Qaida's general command formally disavowed the group this week, saying it "is not responsible for its actions."

Al-Baghdadi took over leadership of al-Qaida's main Iraq franchise following a joint U.S.-Iraqi raid in April 2010 that killed the terror group's two top figures inside Iraq at their safe house near Tikrit, once Saddam Hussein's hometown. Vice President Joe Biden at the time called the killings of Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri a "potentially devastating blow" to al-Qaida in Iraq. But as in the past, al-Qaida in Iraq has proved resilient. Under al-Baghdadi's leadership, it has come roaring back stronger than it was before he took over.

The man now known as al-Baghdadi was born in Samarra, about 95 kilometers (60 miles) north of Bagh-

dad, in 1971, according to a United Nations sanctions list. That would make him 42 or 43 years old.

Al-Baghdadi is a nom de guerre for a man identified as Ibrahim Awwad Ibrahim Ali al-Badri al-Samarrai. The

as recently as three weeks ago, but he moves around frequently so as not to be captured.

What little else that is known publicly about al-Baghdadi comes from a brief biography posted in July to online



Undated file picture released by the official website of Iraq's Interior Ministry claims to show Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the head of the so called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. While his may not be a household name, Al-Baghdadi has emerged as one of the world's most lethal terrorist leaders. He is a renegade within al-Qaida whose maverick streak eventually led its central command to sever ties, deepening a rivalry between his organization and the global terror network. (AP Photo/Iraqi Interior Ministry)

U.S. is offering a \$10 million reward for information leading to his death or capture. He is believed to have been operating from inside Syria in recent months, though his current whereabouts aren't known. Iraqi Interior Ministry spokesman Saad Maan Ibrahim said authorities believe he was in Iraq's Salahuddin province, north of Baghdad,

religious family, according to a translation by the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist sites. He rose to prominence as a proponent of the Salafi jihadi movement, which advocates "holy war" to bring about a strict, uncompromising version of Shariah law, in Samarra and the nearby Diyala province. The biography linked him to Samarra's mosque of Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal, which according to one resident, speaking anonymously for fear of retribution, was a key hub for al-Qaida decision-making in 2005 and 2006. Samarra, like Diyala a hotbed for al-Qaida activity, was the scene of the 2006 bombing of the Shiite al-Askari shrine. That attack was blamed on al-Qaida and set off years of retaliatory bloodshed between Sunni and Shiite extremists. Al-Baghdadi's leadership of the Iraqi al-Qaida operation coincided with the final year and a half of the American military presence in Iraq. The U.S. withdrawal in December 2011 left Iraq with a precarious security vacuum that he was able to exploit.

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"Al-Baghdadi has managed a remarkable recovery and re-growth in Iraq and expansion into Syria. In so doing, Baghdadi has become somewhat of a celebrity figure within the global jihadist community," said Charles Lister, an analyst at the Brookings Doha Center.

The group has kept up pressure on the Shiite-led government in Baghdad with frequent and coordinated barrages of car bombs and suicide bombs, pushing the country's violent death toll last year to the highest level since 2007, when the worst of Iraq's sectarian bloodletting began to subside. □

Problems persist at US church-run Haiti orphanage

BEN FOX

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A troubled Haitian orphanage run by a small and apparently well-funded U.S. church has made cosmetic changes in the two months since an Associated Press report exposed squalor and ne-

But serious problems remain, according to the very people the church has turned to for help. The church claims it has 60 Haitian nannies to care for the 120 kids. But on at least three occasions in recent weeks there was a single staffer caring for 12 babies over a 24-hour shift at one

day. Is it a nutritious meal? Sometimes it's not, from what we've seen," Bickel said in an interview at her orphanage. Before the pair began working with the church, there was no menu at all, they said. "When we started going there, the food was pretty awful," Buettner said.

legal authorization to operate, though the government lacks the resources to shut down homes except in extreme circumstances. Bickel said she became involved in late October after the church brought several sick infants to her apparently suffering from malnutrition. She said she

look like a palace?' But it can't look like a palace. It's impossible," he said.

The Social Welfare Institute faulted the group for overcrowding, unsanitary conditions and not having enough adequately trained staff. While many other homes also failed standards imposed following the January 2010 earthquake, the shortcomings at the Church of Bible Understanding were a surprise given the group's apparent resources. The church, which members say is financially separate from the Olde Good Things antique stores it owns, reported income of \$3 million and expenses of \$2.8 million in their tax filings from 2011, the most recent year available. The organization says "a large part of our operation" is the missionary work in Haiti.

Szostak said the group spends about \$25,000 every three weeks in Haiti.

The church has also received annual food grants from USAID since 2003. That grant was valued at nearly \$100,000 for 2012-13. It was not renewed last year for reasons unrelated to the orphanage's accreditation, the agency said. In addition, the Church of Bible Understanding has received shipments from the nonprofit Feed My Starving Children for about eight years, according to a spokesman, Drew Gneiser, who said the amounts are confidential.

The church, based in Scranton, Pennsylvania, is an evangelical group that emerged in the 1970s and was previously known as the Forever Family. The longtime leader and pastor, Stewart Traill, lives today in a 12,000-square-foot home in Coral Springs, Florida. Former members said they lived in austere, densely packed group homes and were required to work for the church's businesses or turn over their paychecks from outside jobs. They were lampooned as a carpet-cleaning cult on the TV show "Seinfeld," over one of their previous businesses. □



A staff worker feeds a baby as other children sit in their beds at an orphanage run by the U.S.-based Church of Bible Understanding in Kenscoff, Haiti. The religious group sells expensive antiques at high-end stores called Olde Good Things in New York and Los Angeles and says it uses a portion of the profit to fund the orphanage, but it lost accreditation for its orphanage after a series of inspections in late 2012. However, Haiti's government lacks the resources to shut down homes except in extreme circumstances.

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glect, but has not done enough to address staffing problems and other issues that could put children at risk, according to two people helping the organization improve.

Workers at the Church of Bible Understanding-run orphanage have painted walls and rearranged cribs and bunk beds to ease overcrowding in the months since the Haitian government determined their two homes did not meet the country's minimum health and safety standards. Members of the religious group, which sells expensive antiques at high-end stores in New York and Los Angeles and uses a portion of the profits to fund the orphanage, say they just received a shipment of bathroom and kitchen tile and a power-washer to attack years of accumulated grime.

of the homes, said Rhyann Buettner, a U.S. citizen who was enlisted by the director of a well-established nearby orphanage, God's Littlest Angels, to help the church. "I think they are completely clueless about what is needed to take care of that many babies," Buettner said. "I'm shocked no one has died."

Buettner and Dixie Bickel, who runs God's Littlest Angels orphanage, say the staff lack training and face no repercussions when they don't show up.

Bickel also complained that the Church of Bible Understanding has not always followed a new menu she helped create, adding that at times the children have been served meals consisting of no more than plain white rice or spaghetti with no sauce.

"They eat every day and they eat three times a

Paul Szostak, one of two church members in Haiti overseeing the orphanage, said they are making progress and he would soon ask the Haitian Social Welfare Institute to re-inspect their homes, which hold a total of about 120 kids, and seek to restore their accreditation.

"We've got a lot to do and, Lord willing, we'll get it done," said Szostak.

Workers hired by the church started installing kitchen tile in one of the homes Saturday and church members showed off the improvements to AP journalists.

The Church of Bible Understanding lost accreditation for its orphanage after a series of inspections beginning in November 2012. UNICEF and the Social Welfare Agency last visited in December and the organization remains without the

remains concerned about overall conditions and believes the organization needs to increase its budget and consider moving into new houses.

"The children don't have to have the most beautiful house in Haiti," she said. "But they should have adequate beds, beds with adequate mattresses, staff that come to work and take care of them."

The other church member currently working in Haiti, Justin Fair, denied that the food is inadequate and Szostak portrayed complaints about their cleanliness as unfair, saying the criticism fails to account for the tough conditions in Haiti and the challenge of maintenance with dozens of children and teens.

"When you look at the store in Manhattan and you look here, I can imagine you could say 'Why doesn't it



Representing Aruba :

Wichita Villacres, President, ECO Destination Management Services of Aruba & Curaçao, unanimously voted President of the 2014 SITE Florida and Caribbean chapter, announces educational forum in Aruba

PALM BEACH - Wichita Villacres whose life-long career in tourism is closely intertwined with the island of Aruba accepted the position of President of the 2014 SITE Florida and Caribbean chapter. On January 9th, 2014, the board installation took place on board the Liberty of The Seas. Prestigious RCL International sponsored a lavish luncheon to welcome Wichita and to swear her in as the first ever, new President, proud to represent Aruba.

SITE, is the Society of Incentive and Travel Executives. It was founded in 1973, as an international, not-for-profit, professional association devoted to incentives, a multi-billion dollar global industry. SITE, headquartered in the USA, provides educational seminars and information services to those who design, develop, promote, sell, administer, and operate motivational programs as an incentive, to increase productivity in business. Currently counting over 2,100 members in 87 countries, with 34 local and regional chapters, SITE is an important partner of the Aruba tourism industry wishing to claim its share in the MICE, Meetings, Incen-



tives, Conferences and Exhibitions industry. In her role as President and ECO of Destination Management Services of Aruba & Curaçao, Wichita has been a member of SITE for 25 years, and she actively

participated and formed part of one SITE university, one SITE conference in Aruba, and one SITE conference in Orlando. Additionally, she has attended at least 20 of these conferences worldwide, includ-



ing : Maui, Ireland, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Orlando, NYC, Cancun, Montreal, Beijing-China, and more. As board member of the original Caribbean Chapter, she brought the Florida Chapter closer to incentive planners from Canada, becoming the liaison between the two sister chapters.

More importantly, in an effort to bring educational content to the Caribbean,

2013, as well as Jamaica and St. Lucia, planned for following years.

Through her efforts, in collaboration with the Aruba Tourism Authority, the Aruba Convention Bureau and Jerusha Rasmijn, an educational forum is now set Aruba, to unfold on Friday, May 16, 2014. Mark your calendar and plan to attend, says Wichita, there is an excellent list of speakers committed to the event, including a Green Meeting Industry Council speaker on global green initiatives, who will provide



she actively worked and lobbied for many years to unite the Florida chapter with the Caribbean. Finally with a Caribbean President on board, Jane van der Bol from Grand Cayman, her mission to unite the two regions was successful, as Florida and the Caribbean now belong to the same chapter, facilitating the marketing of Caribbean destinations. Wichita has always lobbied and initiated the Caribbean workshop forums, delivering content to various Caribbean destinations such as Curacao in 2012, Grand Cayman in

young Aruban leaders with a learning opportunity and insight to incentive education and the MICE, Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions industry.

Pictured here snapshot of the last SITE conference in Orlando, attended by Wichita Villacres, ECO DMS, Aruba Convention Bureau's Jerusha Rasmijn, and winner ECO DMS' Young Professional Award, Iaina Franco, of the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, an outstanding young leader from Aruba. □



Honeymooners Miriam and Rick celebrate 'Endless Love' at Tango Restaurant

PALM BEACH - 'Endless Love', that is what honeymooners Miriam (55) and Rick (59) are aiming for and that is the special song that performer Tony sang for them on special request. The newlyweds enjoyed their first dinner as husband

and wife at Tango Argentine Restaurant in the Arawak Garden - before love struck home they had been really good friends. Rick enjoyed a great T-bone steak and Miriam the Tango Salad before the couple danced to their song; Tony's rendition

was terrific! He can be seen live in action on Saturday and Monday evenings between 7:30 and 10:30. Tango's staff wishes these great newlyweds a very happy life together; congratulations Miriam and Rick! □

Burton and Carrol Minov honored at Casa Del Mar!



EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple whom are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, as Ambassadors of Goodwill, at the Casa Del Mar. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-or-more consecutive years. The honorees were

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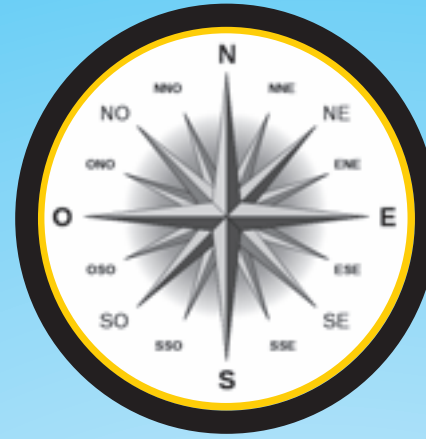
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Durant leads Thunder past Grizzlies 86-77

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant had 31 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, Serge Ibaka had 21 points and 12 rebounds and the Oklahoma City Thunder continued their home dominance, beating the Memphis Grizzlies 86-77 on Monday night. Oklahoma City (39-11) had a 10-game winning streak snapped Saturday at Washington, but the Thunder moved to 21-3 at home while winning their seventh straight game at Chesapeake Energy Arena. Zach Randolph had 13 points and 13 rebounds and Marc Gasol added 13 points for Memphis (26-21), which lost for the second time in 13 games. The Grizzlies had won six straight games, the NBA's longest winning streak entering Monday. Coming off a remarkable January during which he averaged 35.9 points per game on 54.9-percent shooting, Durant finished 11 of 21 from the field.

WIZARDS 100, TRAIL BLAZERS 90

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington moved above .500 for the first time in



Denver Nuggets guard Randy Foye, back, shoots a 3-point basket over Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin with nine-tenths of a second remaining in the fourth quarter of the Nuggets' 116-115 victory in an NBA basketball game in Denver, Monday, Feb. 3, 2014.

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more than four years, accomplishing the feat on its eighth try this season by pulling away in the second half to beat Portland. John Wall scored 22 points, and Trevor Ariza added 20 for the Wizards, who hadn't had a winning record since beating the New Jersey Nets to improve to 2-1 on Halloween in 2009. Washington committed six turnovers while forcing 16 from Portland, and Wall and Co. didn't look back after Kevin Seraphin led a 12-0 run that put the Wizards up by 17 early in the fourth quarter. Damian Lillard scored 25 points, and LaMarcus Aldridge had 20 to lead the Trail Blazers, who have lost four straight road games.

PACERS 98, MAGIC 79

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Danny Granger scored 16 points, Paul George and Lance Stephenson each added 15, and Indiana beat Orlando. Indiana (37-10) won for the second time in three days and maintained its grip on the NBA's best record.

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United States short track speed skating teammates J.R. Celski, right, and Christopher Creveling run through a training session at the Iceberg Skating Palace at the 2014 Winter Olympics, Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, in Sochi, Russia.

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U.S. short track skaters see Sochi as a new chance

SOCHI, Russia (AP) — American short track speedskaters say they've shaken off the negativity of organizational and financial woes and are ready for a fresh start at the Sochi Games. But one thing they're not trying to escape: the shadow of Apolo Anton Ohno, the sport's biggest star in the U.S. and the reason several on the 2014 teams are on the ice. "I grew up idolizing this guy," said J.R. Celski, 23, of Federal Way, Wash., who

will race at three distances and on the 5,000-meter relay team, hoping to add to the two bronze medals he won at the Vancouver Olympics. Watching from the broadcast booth Monday at Adler Arena will be Ohno, the most decorated Winter Olympian with eight medals. He is an analyst for NBC Sports. "There's not a lot of pressure for me personally," Celski said. "I've looked up to him my whole life and I

got a chance to be on a team with him in Vancouver and kind of see how to handle all of this." This time around, Celski said he can focus on the details he needs to win — things like his skating technique and preparing for varied ice conditions. "I really believe that results speak for themselves, so I'm going to go out there and try to do the best I can," he said.

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Wings win 2-0, spoil Tortorella's return

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Justin Abdelkader scored early in the second period and again in the final seconds while Jimmy Howard finished off a shutout that Jonas Gustavsson started for the Detroit Red Wings in a 2-0 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on Monday night.

Two Red Wings goalies combined on a shutout for the first time since Oct. 27, 2001, when Manny Legace and Dominik Hasek did it in a 1-0 win at Nashville, according to STATS. Gustavsson started and stopped all eight shots he faced in the first period, but didn't return to play because of dizziness. Howard had 16 saves and stopped David Booth on a second-period penalty shot.

The Canucks had coach John Tortorella behind their bench and forward Henrik Sedin on the ice after both missed six games.

Tortorella was suspended for 15 days by the NHL for his conduct after a brawl in a game against the Calgary Flames. Tortorella went to Calgary's locker room following the first period, which began with several fights.

Sedin had been out since he was unable to finish the Jan. 18 game against Calgary because of an upper-body injury.

BLACKHAWKS 5, KINGS 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patrick Kane had two goals and an assist, Nick Leddy had a goal and an assist, and Chicago snapped its recent slump with a victory over struggling Los Angeles.

Marcus Kruger scored the tiebreaking goal on a double deflection in the second period for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who had lost five of six. Bryan Bickell also scored and Corey Crawford made 31 saves as Chicago swept the three-game season series between last season's Western Conference final-

ists.

Anze Kopitar had a goal and two assists in Los Angeles' highest-scoring performance since Jan. 21. Drew Doughty and Tyler Toffoli also scored, and Jonathan Quick stopped 25 shots in the Kings' ninth loss in 10 games.

Chicago pulled within three points of Anaheim for the overall NHL lead.

BLUE JACKETS 4, DUCKS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Sergei Bobrovsky made 34 saves, Nick Foligno scored twice in the third period and Columbus also got goals from Ryan Johansen and R.J. Umberger in a victory over Anaheim.

The Blue Jackets are 11-0-3 since Jan. 6, a stretch that began with a franchise-record, eight-game winning streak. Bobrovsky, last season's Vezina Trophy winner, is 10-2-0 with a 2.17 goals-against average in his last 12 starts after missing 14 games because of a groin strain.

Mathieu Perreault and Ryan Getzlaf scored for the Ducks, and Frederik Andersen stopped 29 shots.

The Ducks are 4-5-0 since Jan. 15 and have two games left before the Olympic break.

PENGUINS 2, SENATORS 1, OT

PITTSBURGH (AP) — James Neal scored at 3:05 of overtime to give Pittsburgh a victory over Ottawa.

Neal netted his 18th of the season and scored his first goal in nine games for the Penguins, who won for the 16th time in 17 home games and are 23-4 at Consol Energy Center. Pittsburgh also avoided back-to-back regulation losses for the first time since dropping three straight in early November.

Ottawa goalie Craig Anderson stopped Robert Bortuzzo from the slot in overtime, but the rebound popped out to Neal, who dragged the puck around a Senators defender before dumping a shot past

an out-of-position Anderson and into an empty net. Ottawa's Stephane Da Costa and Pittsburgh's Brian Gibbons scored in the first period.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 24 saves for his league-leading 30th win. Anderson turned aside 46 shots in a hard-luck loss.

In other NHL games it was Edmonton 3, Buffalo 2; Philadelphia 5, San Jose 2; Colorado 2, New Jersey, OT; Pittsburgh 2, Ottawa 1, OT; Columbus 4, Anaheim 2; Chicago 5, Los Angeles 3; and Detroit 2, Vancouver 0.



Buffalo Sabres goaltender Jhonas Enroth, of Sweden, eyes the puck on an incoming shot from the Edmonton Oilers during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Buffalo, N.Y., Monday, Feb 3, 2014.

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Heyward, Braves agree to \$13.3M, 2-year contract

By **CHARLES ODUM**
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) -- Jason Heyward is happy he can report to spring training without having to worry about salary arbitration.

He's even happier he also won't have to worry about the business side of the game next season.

Heyward and the Atlanta Braves agreed Tuesday to a \$13.3 million, two-year contract that avoided arbitration.

"In my head it basically says to me, let's go play some baseball," Heyward said.

The 24-year-old is coming off an injury-filled season. General manager Frank Wren said those problems complicated the arbitration process and helped make the two-year contract possible.

Heyward hit .254 with 14 homers and 38 RBIs in a career-low 104 games during his fourth season with the Braves. He had an appendectomy on April 22 and broke his jaw on Aug. 21 when he was hit by a pitch from New York Mets left-

hander Jon Niese.

"Last year was such a tough year physically, through no fault of his own, with the appendectomy and getting hit in the face," Wren said.

"So it also made it tough for both sides in an arbitration situation because it's hard to pin a number when you're comparing to players who played a lot more." Heyward said he has moved past his injuries.

"Physically, I feel great, being 24 years old and being blessed with some genetics to go along with that," he said. "I'm growing up still in this game and I'm looking forward to what my body is going to allow me to do going forward."

The deal calls for a \$1 million signing bonus, payable in equal installments on May 1 and July 1, and salaries of \$4.5 million this year and \$7.8 million in 2015.

The 2015 salary would escalate based on a points system for 2014 accomplishments, going up \$500,000 for 20 points and then by \$25,000 for each additional point. Heyward would earn 10 points each



In this Oct. 6, 2013, file photo, Atlanta Braves' Jason Heyward watches his two-run home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers in the ninth inning of Game 3 of the National League division baseball series in Los Angeles. Heyward and the Braves agreed Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, to a \$13.3 million, two-year contract that avoided arbitration.

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for 502 plate appearances, All-Star game selection, a Gold Glove award, a Silver Slugger award and finishing 11th-to-20th in MVP voting. He would receive 15 points for 6th-to-10th in MVP, 25

points for third-to-fifth and 35 points for first or second. Heyward enjoyed his best season in 2012, when he hit .269 and set career highs with 27 homers, 82 RBIs and 21 stolen bases.

Atlanta acquired brothers B.J. Upton and Justin Upton before the 2013 season, giving the Braves a trio of outfielders with speed and power. B.J. Upton struggled, eventually losing his starting job.

Heyward's injuries did not prevent him from showcasing his versatility. A 2012 Gold Glove winner in right field, Heyward started 20 games in center last year. He spent most of the season hitting second in the order before he was moved to the leadoff spot by manager Fredi Gonzalez on July 27. Over his next 22 games, Heyward hit .349 with five homers, 15 RBIs and 23 runs.

Heyward is projected as Atlanta's leadoff hitter.

"He provides a great presence," Wren said. "The one thing we saw, especially after Fredi moved him to the leadoff spot, it allowed him to utilize his speed, it allowed him to utilize his ability to get on base even to a greater degree."

"I think other teams felt pressure from the very first pitch of the game. □

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The reeling Magic were led by Arron Afflalo with 20 points and Nikola Vucevic with 16. Orlando (13-37) lost for the fourth time in five games and is a league-worst 3-23 on the road.

It wasn't nearly as easy as it seemed. Orlando cut a 16-point second-quarter deficit to nine at the half, to 60-58 in the third quarter and even had two chances to tie the score.

But the Pacers answered with six straight points and put away the Magic with an 18-1 run that started late in the third quarter and ended with the Pacers up 86-64 with 7:45 left in the game.

HEAT 102, PISTONS 96

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James came within two rebounds of his first triple-double this season, and Miami on for the fifth time in six games.



New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony shoots the ball against Milwaukee Bucks' Larry Sanders during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Feb. 3, 2014, in Milwaukee.

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James had 24 points and 11 assists, Dwyane Wade scored 30 points and Chris Bosh added 17.

Wade had one of his best performances in an injury-hampered season, shooting 13 for 19 and adding 10 rebounds and five assists in 37 minutes. His point total was his highest since Dec. 18.

James was blanked in the rebound department down the stretch. When Wade snatched a rebound away from him with 4 minutes left, a grinning James chided him as they ran upcourt. Wade waved his arms in sheepish apology.

Teammate Ray Allen out-fought James for a re-

bound a minute later, which left James muttering to the Heat bench.

NUGGETS 116, CLIPPERS 115

DENVER (AP) — Randy Foye hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key at the buzzer, and Denver overcame a 36-point performance by Blake Griffin.

Kenneth Faried had a career-high 28 points and 11 rebounds for the Nuggets, who denied the Clippers their sixth win in seven games.

Ty Lawson, who missed the last four games with a shoulder injury, added 27 points and J.J. Hickson had 17 points and 12 rebounds. DeAndre Jordan had 19 points and 12 rebounds. It was his team record 28th consecutive game with at least 10 rebounds. Jamal Crawford added 19 points for the Clippers, who fell to 0-11 on the road when trailing after the third quarter.

NETS 108, 76ERS 102

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 25 points, Deron Williams added 21

and Brooklyn stopped a three-game losing streak.

The Nets had lost to division leaders Toronto, Oklahoma City and Indiana after starting 2014 by winning 10 of their first 11 games, but got back on track against a Philadelphia team that has lost 13 of its last 16 games.

Brooklyn had a 19-point lead with 4:21 left in the third quarter cut to 104-102 after James Anderson hit a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left.

Pierce then made two free throws before Shaun Livingston intercepted Michael Carter-Williams' pass and converted a pair of free throws to put it away. Carter-Williams led Philadelphia with 21 points and Tony Wroten had 18 off the bench.

SPURS 102, PELICANS 95

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tony Parker scored 21 of his 32 points in the second half and also doled out nine assists, and San Antonio overcame a 14-point deficit. □



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Concussion specialist may begin new era in Sochi

LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

In another sign of the growing concern about head trauma in sports, the NHL and the U.S. ski team will each have at least one concussion expert at the Sochi Olympics.

Dr. Jeff Kutcher, a Michigan-based neurologist, will be in one of two hockey arenas and the on-hill physician for three events on the slopes in Russia.

U.S. ski team medical director Kyle Wilkens said Kutcher will be the association's first specialist evaluating and treating concussions during the Winter Olympics. "It's such a hot topic," Wilkens said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We're trying to do the right thing with concussion, and that's why he's on board."

Kutcher will also evaluate the neurological health of about 150 NHL players from

all 12 countries in the Olympics. Dr. Ruben Echemendia, a neuropsychologist and chair of the NHL's concussion program, will also be at the Olympics — a first for the league, according to deputy commissioner Bill Daly.

The NHL isn't fond of freezing its league for two-plus weeks and putting their stars at risk for injuries at the Olympics, but the league and the NHL Players' Association both have a degree of comfort knowing that Kutcher will be there.

"Dr. Kutcher is well regarded in his field and has significant experience working with NHL players, so we are pleased he will be in Sochi and is willing to assist with our players while at the games," NHLPA executive director Don Fehr said.

Kutcher said he is prepared to tell an athlete he or she can't go for a medal if they have a concussion at the

Olympics.

"At the end of the day the decisions that we make, we make irrespective of the situation — we have to," Kutcher said in an interview with the AP. "The alternative is if I let somebody go down another run or participate in a hockey game while they're injured and that injury leads to a more significant injury, it could be life-changing in the negative. That's what I have to worry about."

International Olympic Committee medical director Dr. Richard Budgett is glad Kutcher will be there, too. "I haven't heard of any other country sending a specialist such as a neurologist," Budgett told the AP in a telephone interview. "But it's good that they've got a specialist coming out because there's a lot of interest in monitoring concussions. The Olympics are like a fish bowl — with ev-



In this photo taken on Jan. 24, 2014, Dr. Jeff Kutcher is interviewed in Ann Arbor, Mich. Dr. Kutcher is going to Russia as a volunteer for the U.S. Olympic Committee to look out for the well-being of Americans' neurological health in every sport.

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Short track

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The U.S. short track program has had several challenges since the start of 2012, including bad results, organizational infighting and the departure of Ohno and Katherine Reutter, who was forced to retire because of injury after winning two medals in Vancouver.

Former coach Jae Su Chun was suspended for two years in 2012 — a term that lasts beyond the Sochi Games — after several team members accused him of verbal, physical and emotional abuse. He denied the allegations.

Jordan Malone, a 29-year-old relay team member from Denton, Texas, said many of the program's problems had little to do

with the athletes themselves.

"A lot of that negative influence is gone now and we're starting anew and we have a lot to prove," he said. "We've got a really positive team going into these games."

Emily Scott said Tuesday the team has nowhere to go but up after funding cuts and competitive struggles, although the fans are still supportive.

The women's team didn't qualify a relay team for the Sochi Games, leading to cuts for the program with funds tied to performance. "I would say the expectations are the same," Scott said. "No, we don't have Apolo or Katherine anymore, but they still paved



United States short track speed skating teammates J.R. Celski, bottom, and Christopher Creveling run through a training session at the Iceberg Skating Palace at the 2014 Winter Olympics, Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, in Sochi, Russia.

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the way for us." The program won six medals in Vancouver — two silvers and four bronzes. □

everybody watching — so it's great that he will be able to raise awareness and show that we're taking the health of our athletes seriously."

Kutcher appears to be highly qualified for his pressure-packed role this month.

The NBA named him director of its concussion program more than two years ago. Kutcher said he evaluates players from the NBA, NHL and NFL "all the time." The NCAA has used his expertise to help shape its concussion policies. Kutcher's day job is working as an associate professor of neurology at the University of Michigan, where he is a physician for the school's athletic teams and director of its NeuroSport Program.

Wilkens said Kutcher, who has helped the U.S. ski team with its concussion policy, will be the on-hill physician for skicross along with snowboarding's paral-

lel giant slalom and parallel slalom. Kutcher will also care for other U.S. athletes as needed, according to Wilkens.

"His primary responsibility is with us, but if a slider gets a concussion, for example, Jeff will be there to help," Wilkens said. "For the two weeks, we're all a part of Team USA."

Kutcher has diagnosed numerous athletes with concussions over the years, telling them they can't compete until he clears them. Kutcher, though, hasn't had to dash anyone's dreams of winning Olympic gold.

"I do feel a little bit of pressure," he said. "I understand the gravity of the situation and needing to first and foremost do my job as a neurologist regardless of setting or scenario. It doesn't matter if it's a training run or a gold-medal run or any scenario at all. It is the health of the athletes that I'm there for." □

Got Energy?

By: Dr Carlos Viana

Everyone today seems to be concerned about energy. Our automobiles will not travel far without it. For our primary transportation to work, we know that raw petroleum must be refined to make gasoline or diesel fuel. This produces a form of energy which moves our vehicles. In our bodies, glucose, amino acids, and fats from our food are the raw materials that must be processed by our cells into fuel. Your body's primary manufactured fuel is Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP), which provides the energy for our body's movement and vital functions.

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ribose to fully aid the body in these vital processes.

ATP moves nutrients into and waste out of the cells and gives our muscles strength or energy to move and also to relax. ATP also detoxifies your body and produces signals that stimulate hormones. Without fuel your car does not move. Similarly, without an abundant supply of ATP your body becomes stiff, and joints become sore as in arthritis. Lupus, a disease which includes muscle loss or wasting, Chronic Fatigue Syndromes, cataracts, and autoimmune disorders like fibromyalgia are all symptoms of a deficiency of ATP due to a chronic lack of ribose. In our clinic I have seen an improvement in muscle soreness, and cramping from people with these and other conditions as well as from intensive athletic workouts by adjusting their diets and adding quality supplements, especially Ribose. In older individuals we see an improvement in muscle health and in all groups we see a reduction of debilitating fatigue.

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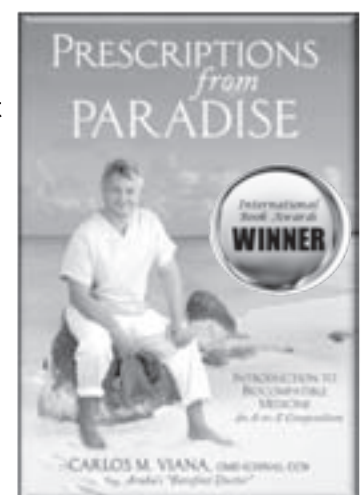
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U.S. approves pill camera to screen colon

MATTHEW PERRONE

AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A kinder, gentler approach to one of the most dreaded exams in medicine is on the way: U.S. regulators have cleared a bite-size camera to help screen patients who have trouble with colonoscopies.

The ingestible pill camera from Given Imaging is designed to help doctors spot polyps and other early signs of colon cancer. The Food and Drug Administration cleared the device for patients who have had trouble with the cringe-inducing colonoscopy procedure, which involves probing the large intestine with a tiny camera embedded in a four-foot long, flexible tube.

The Israeli company's technology, developed from missile defense systems, uses a battery-powered camera to take high-speed photos as it slowly winds its way through the intestinal tract over eight hours. The images are transmitted to a recording device worn around the patient's waist and later reviewed by a doctor.

While Given's wireless, image-beaming system may sound like science fiction, it's actually more than a decade old. In 2001, the company received FDA approval for a similar device used to get a close-up view of the small intestine.

At that time, analysts expected Given's approach to grow into a direct competitor to traditional colonoscopy.

But company studies found that images taken by the mini-camera were not quite as clear as those from the in-office procedure. As a result, the company has pursued a more limited market for its device: patients who have trouble undergoing standard colonoscopies.

The FDA on Monday cleared the company's PillCam Colon for patients who have experienced an incomplete colonoscopy. Given estimates 750,000 U.S. patients are not able to complete the procedure each year, due to anatomy issues, previous surgery or various colon diseases.

Even with this limited indication, analysts estimate the new pillcam could grow to sales of over \$60 million in North America by 2019, with room for expansion as the technology improves. MorningStar analyst Debbie Wang said the company has shrewdly positioned the device as another tool in the gastrointestinal specialist's kit, rather than a direct competitor.

"Given's management understands that the traditional colonoscopy is the gastroenterologist's bread and butter right now," Wang said. "So they didn't



This undated image provided by Given Imaging, shows the new bite-size camera to help screen patients who have trouble with colonoscopies.

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want to do anything that would position this as a substitute."

Wang notes that Given's PillCam costs \$500, significantly less than the roughly

\$4,000 rate for colonoscopy. Eventually, she thinks doctors may use the device to attract adults who avoid regular screenings due to fears of pain, em-

barrassment and general discomfort. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines currently recommend regular colonoscopies beginning at age 50 and continuing through age 75, though most U.S. adults don't follow the recommendations. In December, Irish medical device firm Covidien said it would buy Given for about \$860 million. Given Imaging, headquartered in Yoqneam, Israel, markets seven lines of medical devices and surgical supplies, including pillcams to screen the esophagus and small intestine.

Pillcam Colon was previously approved in 80 other countries, including in Japan, Europe and Latin America. □

U.S. cable merger foreshadows Internet TV's rise

RYAN NAKASHIMA

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charter Communications Inc.'s \$38 billion bid to take over the much-larger Time Warner Cable Inc. is an attempt to future-proof its business by getting its foot in the door of millions more homes wired for Internet service.

As people use more mobile devices, watch more online video and connect everything from thermostats to refrigerators to the Internet, delivering those In-

ternet services will become increasingly valuable.

Gone are the days when one's primary reason for hooking up cable was for TV. Now,

it's the Internet, which enables countless online services known collectively as the cloud — everything from movies on Netflix to backup files on Dropbox.

"Broadband is the gatekeeper to the cloud," says Tony Wible, an analyst with Janney Capital Markets. "There's insatiable demand for

broadband."

These high-speed Internet services represent the fastest growing and most profitable line of business for cable companies.

Last year, providing Internet access was 12 percent more profitable for Time Warner Cable than providing TV packages, despite taking in a third less revenue. Time Warner Cable has so far resisted Charter's overtures, but Charter has vowed to take the bid directly to shareholders if needed. □

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FRANKFORT, Kentucky (AP)

— Global thirst for Kentucky bourbon and Tennessee whiskey caused exports to spike beyond \$1 billion for the first time ever in 2013, a distilled spirits trade group said Tuesday.

Mixed together, bourbon and Tennessee whiskey exports grew a projected 5 percent, from \$956.8 million in 2012 to just past \$1 billion last year, the Distilled Spirits Council announced.

Bourbon and Tennessee whiskey revenues shot up even higher at home, rising by a projected 10.2 percent last year, the council said.

Their performance overseas drove overall American distilled spirits exports above \$1.5 billion, the council said. It marked the fourth straight year of record exports for American-crafted spirits.

The steady rise reflects a growing reputation for American distilled spirits overseas, the group said.

"There is a genuine affection for 'Brand America' as a symbol of quality and taste," said Christine Lo-Cascio, the council's senior vice president for international trade.

The council said the export figures are based partly on data from the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Other factors behind the spike in exports include trade agreements in recent years, which reduced or eliminated tariffs in several countries, and new products by American whiskey makers, the group said.

Japan was the pacesetter among the top six overseas growth markets for all American distilled spirits, based on dollar value, the group said. Sales there were up a projected \$22.7 million last year, to \$120.8 million. Germany was next, where sales were up a projected \$19.6 million to \$140.1 million. Sales in France rose \$14.5 million to \$130.5 million, while sales in the United Kingdom were

up \$8.8 million to \$159.6 million. Nigeria had the largest overall increase, at 475.5 percent, bringing sales to a projected \$5 million. Sales in Panama surged by 99 percent, to \$11.6 million, while sales in Greece shot up 72.5 percent, to \$9.2 million.

In the U.S., total revenues for bourbon and Tennessee whiskey reached \$2.4 billion, a 10.2 percent increase. Volume was up nearly 7 percent to 18 million cases, the council said. The domestic numbers reflect sales from producers or suppliers to wholesalers. The industry lumps bourbon and Tennessee whiskey into one category. □

Gannett 4Q profit down 12% on slow ad spending

MCLEAN, Virginia (AP)

— Gannett Co. said Tuesday that its fourth-quarter net income dropped 12 percent, partially a result of the absence of the record-high political advertising that boosted its results a year earlier. The media company, which publishes USA Today and owns dozens of newspapers and television stations, earned \$90.7 million, or 39 cents per share, for the quarter that ended Dec. 29. That was down from \$103.1 million, or 44 cents per share, in the same quarter of 2012.

Excluding one-time items, which included restructuring and other costs, the company said it posted adjusted earnings of \$152.5 million, or 66 cents per share, for the recent quarter. The company noted that an extra week in the fourth quarter of 2012 also lifted the company's results for that period by 3 cents per share.

Revenue fell 10 percent to \$1.37 billion from \$1.52 billion, hurt by the steep drop in political advertising. Excluding the effects of political advertising, Gannett said revenue was roughly flat compared with a year earlier.

Despite the drops, earnings were slightly ahead of Wall Street's predictions, while revenue matched expectations. Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of 65 cents per share on \$1.37 billion in revenue.

Excluding the effects of the extra week in 2012's fourth quarter, publishing revenue fell 5 percent to \$944.3 million on lower advertising. Meanwhile, revenue at the company's broadcast division fell 16 percent to \$228.2 million, largely due to the drop in political advertising.

Excluding political advertising, the company said broadcast revenue from its TV stations jumped 23 percent, helped by the closing of its \$1.5 billion acquisition of Belo Corp. □

Bargain-hunting drives slight gains for stocks

ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

Investors went hunting for bargains a day after U.S. stocks racked up the biggest losses in more than

chip index's worst January performance in five years prompted by disappointing news about U.S. manufacturing.

"It was the biggest hole

at least 10 percent.

"The one thing you never know is when the bottom is going to hit in a downturn," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist with Pruden-

most of the active stocks were in the green.

All told, the Dow rose 72.44 points, or 0.5 percent, to close at 15,445.24 Tuesday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 13.31 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,755.20. The Nasdaq composite gained 34.56 points, or 0.9 percent, to 4,031.52.

Even with Tuesday's gains, the Dow is down 6.8 percent this year, and the S&P 500 index is off 5 percent. Investors are trying to gauge the strength of the U.S. economic recovery. They got some positive news on Tuesday, when the Commerce Department reported that orders to U.S. factories fell 1.5 percent in December, as aircraft orders plunged. That's the biggest drop since July, but it was less than anticipated.

On Monday, the Institute for Supply Management said its index of manufacturing activity fell to 51.3 in January, the lowest reading since May. That unnerved investors already worried about signs of a slowdown in the global economy.

Whether Tuesday's market uptick gains momentum or gives way to another sell-off may depend on what the government's latest jobs report says on Friday. □



Trader Steven Kaplan, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014. Stocks are mixed on Wall Street after suffering big losses the day before.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

seven months.

The buying helped lift major stock indexes out of the red on Tuesday. Prices of U.S. government bonds fell. The mini-rebound seemed fragile at times, with the market giving up some of its earlier gains by late afternoon.

Markets were coming off a 326-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average on Monday, and the blue-

chip index's worst January performance in five years prompted by disappointing news about U.S. manufacturing.

we've seen for quite a bit, so it's not surprising to see a green day after a couple days of red," said Andres Garcia-Amaya, a global market strategist with J.P. Morgan Funds. Portfolio managers seized on the aftermath of Monday's sell-off to buy, even as many stock watchers acknowledged that the market could still be in for a correction, or a drop of

tial Financial. "So what you might do is at least begin the process of building your position."

Among the biggest gainers on the day were fashion retailer Michael Kors Holdings, water technology provider Xylem and the owner of Pizza Hut, KFC and Taco Bell restaurant chains. Trading was relatively light for much of the day, picking up by late afternoon. But

Asset sales weigh on BP's Q4 earnings

DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — BP PLC's fourth-quarter profits fell 30 percent as the asset sales that it has pursued to compensate victims of the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster reduced production.

The company said Tuesday that net income slid to \$1.04 billion from \$1.49 billion in the same quarter the year before. A number of factors were behind the decline, with lower production levels in the wake of the asset sales a key factor. Overall production, excluding Russia, fell 1.9 percent to the equivalent of 2.25 billion barrels of oil a day. BP said it expects production to decline this year because of the expiration of a concession in Abu Dhabi.

A drop in prices for refined products and costs related to new projects also weighed on BP's profits, despite strong results at Rosneft, the Russian company in which BP holds a 19 percent stake.

Still, Chief Executive Bob Dudley delivered an upbeat forecast, citing increased production in the North Sea, Angola and Gulf of Mexico and the completion of major projects for the production of crude oil and natural gas, as well as refined products such as gasoline.

Adjusted for the effects of divestments, the company said "underlying" production rose 3.7 percent.

"These achievements underpin our financial targets for 2014 and lay the foundation for continued growth in sustainable free cash flow," he said. □

Toyota forecasts record profit; executives cautious

HIROKO TABUCHI

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TOKYO - After years of setbacks, Toyota now predicts that it will book its largest-ever annual profit.

The world's best-selling automaker said Tuesday that it expected to post 1.9 tril-

executives expressing caution. Recent global market jitters, driven by fears of the effects of a pullback in U.S. monetary stimulus, were especially worrying, they said. On Tuesday, the Nikkei 225-stock average, Japan's benchmark, slumped

road in recent years. After the financial crisis, the car-maker was hurt by a series of worldwide recalls; it recalled more than 10 million of vehicles in 2009 and 2010 over problems with unintended acceleration. Then Toyota faced the devastat-

Toyota's earnings overseas. Net profit for the three months through December jumped to 525.4 billion yen from 99.9 billion yen in the similar period the previous year, Toyota said. Sales for the quarter rose 24 percent, to 6.59 trillion yen. The surge was in line with the estimates of analysts, who had predicted a big comeback for Toyota this financial year. Toyota said it expected revenue for the full year through March to reach 25.5 trillion yen, up 500 billion yen from an earlier forecast and just shy of a record set in 2008. It left its forecast for global vehicle sales unchanged.

On Tuesday, Sasaki brushed aside rising pressure to put the company's growing cash holdings to better use by raising dividends or by building new factories in major markets like the United States and China, where analysts say capacity is strained. Instead, he vowed not to repeat what many company executives have said was reckless expansion in the mid-2000s, which set up the company's stumble during the global financial crisis. A year after the record profit of 2008, Toyota plunged to the biggest loss in company history, as Japan's exports slowed and the yen soared.

"We will not build factories first and then wait for markets to materialize," Sasaki said. □



Visitors inspect cars on display at Toyota gallery in Tokyo Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014. Toyota Motor Corp. reported a more than fivefold jump in its quarterly profit Tuesday and raised its earnings forecast, crediting a weak yen and strong sales. Toyota's profit for the October-December quarter totaled a better-than-expected 525.4 billion yen (\$5.2 billion), up dramatically from 99.9 billion yen a year earlier. (AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

lion yen (\$18.8 billion) in net profit for the fiscal year ending in March, as a weaker yen and strong sales helped drive earnings. That is up from an earlier forecast of 1.67 trillion yen and above the previous high of 1.7 trillion yen six years ago before the global financial crisis.

Still, the mood at Toyota's Tokyo office on Tuesday was less than joyous, with

4.2 percent to its lowest close since September.

"The outlook, especially for emerging markets, is very unclear," the company's managing officer, Takuo Sasaki, said during a news conference in Tokyo. "We need to stay vigilant of any adverse effect the recent financial instability may have on the real economy and auto markets."

Toyota has faced a bumpy

ing 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

To claw its way back to record profit, Toyota has aggressively streamlined production, moved some manufacturing out of high-cost Japan and strengthen its lineup, especially in its luxury Lexus unit. Now, a weaker yen - down almost 10 percent over the last year despite a recent uptick - is inflating the value of

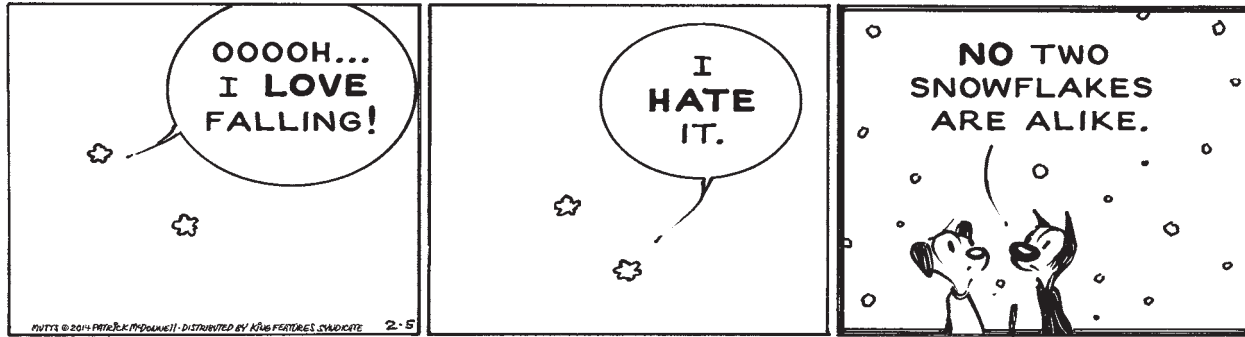
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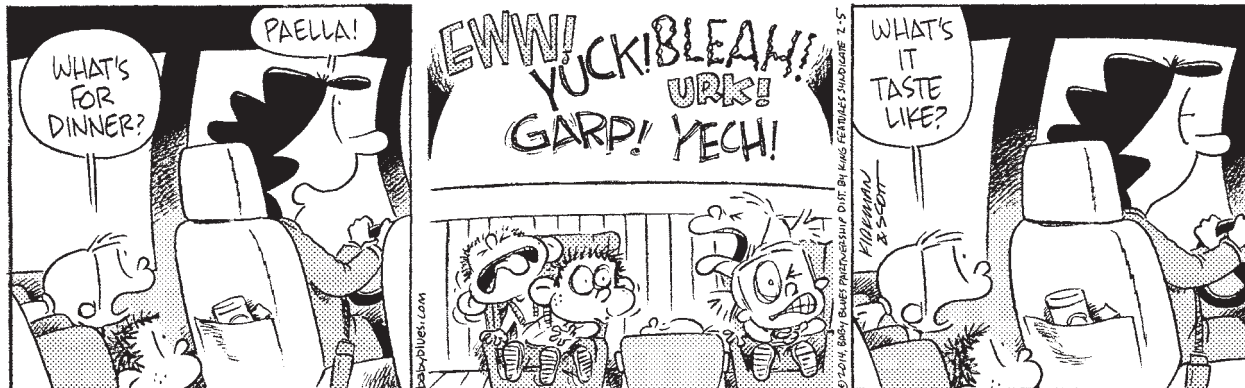
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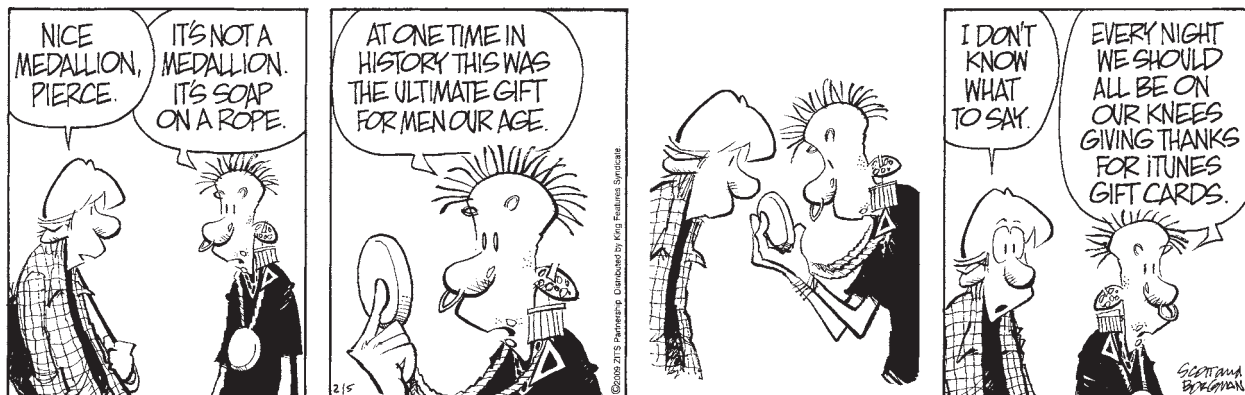
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

1	6	4	2	3	7	9	8	5
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2	4	1	7	5	9	8	3	6
6	9	3	1	8	4	5	2	7

ACROSS

- Mischief-maker
- British ___; Great Britain, Ireland, etc.
- Part of the leg
- Paper quantity
- Push hard
- Snow ___; sweet icy treat
- Friendly nation
- Bird in a poem by Poe
- Crematory shelf supplies
- Old ___; part of the Bible
- Final
- Maple or willow
- LL Cool J's music style
- Serious request for help
- Artists
- ___ as an ape
- Sent packing
- Singer Tillis
- One of seven deadly sins
- Helpful clues
- Snout
- Hubbub
- Worth & Knox
- With ___ breath; excitedly
- Relevant in every era
- Rejuvenates
- ___ Abbott and Lou Costello
- Actor James ___
- Messy person
- Acquiring
- Hailed vehicle
- Bizarre
- Watched
- Baker's need
- Chutzpah
- Burn
- Sharp pain
- Derisive smile
- Give it a shot

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AERIAL	ROBUST	
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- Liquefy
- Sickly looking

- Tei Aviv, ___
- Humiliation
- "I ___ a Parade"
- Get ___; take revenge
- Guards
- Carve wood or stone
- Dance at a bar mitzvah
- Hostels
- Robin's home
- Agatha Christie book
- Cafeteria patron's item
- Most common conjunction
- Go ___; proceed
- Bamboo-eating critter
- Turn on a fixed point
- Half-quarts
- ___ and crafts
- Overact
- Stitch again
- Toboggans
- Evergreens
- Barn dances
- Baby watchers
- Respiratory bug, for short
- Lima or fava
- Diminishing
- Oakland athlete
- Cut up a roasted turkey
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Minnow to be 1st fish taken off endangered list

By **JEFF BARNARD**
Associated Press

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP)

-- A tiny minnow that lives only in Oregon backwaters is set to become the first fish ever taken off U.S. Endangered Species Act protection because it is no longer threatened with extinction.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Tuesday that it was proposing that the Oregon chub was recovered, 21 years after it went on the endangered species list. The proposal will go through a 60-day public comment period before becoming final. The agency will monitor the fish for nine years to make sure populations continue to grow.

"We're not saying it won't need management," Paul Henson, Oregon director of Fish and Wildlife, said in an interview. "But they can leave the hospital and get out to be an outpatient."

Robyn Thorson, northwest regional director of Fish and Wildlife, made the announcement at a 92-acre property along the McKenzie River outside Springfield. The property is owned by the McKenzie River Trust that combines a working farm with habitat protection and restoration.

The fish had practically disappeared from Oregon's Willamette Valley as the swampy backwaters and beaver ponds it depends



This Jan. 16, 2014 photo provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shows an Oregon chub at the William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge near Corvallis, Ore.

on were drained to control flooding and create farms and cities over the past century and a half. Those that survived the habitat loss became easy prey for bass introduced from the East.

Unlike Pacific salmon, the Oregon chub was relatively easy to save because it inhabits small places and does not get in the way of huge economic forces, such as logging, hydroelectric power and farming, said Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Brian Bangs, who since 2005 has supervised recovery efforts.

Joe Moll, executive director of the McKenzie River Trust, said the chub's obscurity made it easier to

find solutions because there were none of the high stakes and big egos involved in charismatic species like wolves, grizzly bears and salmon.

"We are better able to look at something that you can put in the hand of a little kid, and just reflects joy with the natural world," he said. "The recovery of the Oregon chub is a sign the river is still alive. It still has the processes that things like chub and chinook salmon juveniles evolved with."

The Oregon chub is a small minnow, typically about 3 inches long, with an olive-green back, silvery sides and large scales.

They were not described scientifically until the early

1900s, when a researcher found some outside Portland in the Clackamas River drainage, Bangs said. It was the 1970s before anyone really started paying attention.

Before European settlement, the Willamette Valley was a complex system of braided river channels, oxbows and beaver ponds, where perhaps as many as 1 million Oregon chub lived, Bangs said. By 1992, there were only 1,000 fish known in eight locations. Today, there are 180,000 fish at 80 locations. The fish was upgraded to threatened in 2010.

The recovery plan focused on establishing partnerships with landowners to restore key habitats, breed-

ing and transplanting fish to those places, and getting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to alter dam releases to more closely resemble natural river flows. Private landowners who agreed to have chubs introduced on their property and to follow some guidelines were given safe harbor agreements guaranteeing the presence of the endangered fish would not interfere with their use of the land.

"We managed to figure out a way to provide for the habitat of the chub in some subset of its range in the Willamette Valley in a way that was economically compatible with landowners, agriculture and other commodity-type development," said Henson of Fish and Wildlife. "Twenty years might seem like a long time (to get it off the endangered list). On the other hand, if you think of the 150 years of habitat modification that went on before, it is pretty darn quick."

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber issued statements crediting partnerships between agencies and private landowners for the chub's recovery.

Along with chub, a variety of protected species moved into those restored habitats, including salmon, Western pond turtles and red-legged frogs, Bangs said. □

Rare white lion triplets born in Poland

BORYSEW, Poland (AP) —

The owner of a private zoo in central Poland said Tuesday he feels three times lucky with the birth of white lion triplets who are getting loving care from their mother.

Andrzej Pabich, head of

the zoo in Borysew, said white lions often have defects that prevent giving birth, or mothers may reject the cubs. Triplets are rare.

The white lion is a rare color mutation of the Kruger subspecies of African lion

found in some wildlife reserves in South Africa and in zoos around the world. Pabich says about 90 of them are now in existence. He told The Associated Press that his 2 ½ -year-old white lioness Azira has been patiently feeding and caring for the cubs, which were born Jan. 28. Their father, 3 ½ -year old Sahim, who is also white, is kept in a neighboring cage and roars at anyone who comes too close to his family. "Luckily the birth went all smoothly," Pabich said. "We had doubts whether it would be all OK: won't (she) reject them,



will she have milk? But all went luckily well in the end. The mother accepted (the cubs), is feeding them and is very caring."

The zoo will name the cubs

after they grow a little more and can be weighed and identified as either male or female, Pabich said. They will be allowed on an outdoor run in April. □

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Real 'Monuments Men' records go on display

BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

When art historians saw Paris fall to the Nazis in World War II, they immediately realized Europe's vast monuments, art, cathedrals and architecture were at risk and began mobilizing to protect such treasures. In Washington, the newly opened National Gallery of Art became the U.S. museum world's epicenter for lobbying President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Allied forces in 1941 to prevent the destruction of Europe's monuments. Their efforts would create a corps of U.S. and British soldiers who worked to protect cultural sites and recover looted art after the war.

Now for the first time, photographs, maps, correspondence and records — including lists of art amassed by Adolf Hitler and other Nazi leaders — from the corps of soldiers known as "monuments men" are going on display at the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian Archives of American Art and the National Archives. At the same time, George Clooney, Matt Damon and Cate Blanchett tell the story in "The Monuments Men" movie opening Friday, drawing new attention to the history. It's a story straight out of the nation's archives and art repositories from the records that real monu-

ments men and women left behind.

One of them was George Leslie Stout, an art conservator at the Fogg Museum in Boston, who drafted a plan for a special military team to protect Europe's art from Allied bombings. He even enlisted in the Navy with hopes of seeing his plan through. Leaders at the National Gallery of Art pressed the case with justices of the Supreme Court and the president, and their efforts led to the creation of the U.S. Army's Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Section.

Shortly before D-Day, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower issued an order for every field commander to guard irreplaceable sites as Allied troops invaded the European mainland to defeat Germany.

"Inevitably, in the path of our advance will be found historical monuments and cultural centers which symbolize to the world all that we are fighting to preserve," Eisenhower said in 1944. "It is the responsibility of every commander to protect and respect these symbols whenever possible."

Surrounded by the destruction of war, the monuments unit mapped important sites to save and later turned to recovering and returning stolen artwork — a change from the spoils-of-war practices of the past.

Personal papers from



This 1945 handout photo provided by the Smithsonian Institution shows the rescuing of Michelangelo's *Madonna and Child* in Altaussee, Austria.

Associated Press

Stout and other "monuments men," including James Rorimer and Walker Hancock, were later acquired by the Archives of American Art and the National Gallery. Filmmakers consulted the archives in making the movie, including some of the records now displayed, said Kate Haw, director of the Smithsonian's archive. "The movie will make a great story, and then people can come learn the history by coming to us," she said.

Rarely seen images now on view at the Smithsonian's American Art Museum show a garden sculpture at the Palace of Versailles draped in camouflage netting for protection, the Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany where the Nazis amassed stolen art and the rescue of Michelangelo's 1504 sculpture "Madonna and Child," which had been stolen from a church in Bruges, Belgium. Among the documents on display are the records of

art historian Rose Valland who spied on the Nazis at the Paris museum where she worked and kept notes on plundered art, as well as the personal inventory of art looted for Nazi leader Hermann Goring's personal collection.

One recently discovered "Hitler Album" of looted art also is displayed at the National Archives, while additional documents and archival photos go on display Feb. 11 at the National Gallery of Art.

A permanent "Monuments Men Experience" is being developed at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. It's scheduled to open in 2016.

Examining the real records helps bring the story of the "monuments men" to life, said Maygene Daniels, chief of the National Gallery's archives.

"What we're trying to recreate is what it was like to be a young officer trained in art history or archaeology who finds yourself in the military and has this amazing responsibility of protecting great art," she said. "It was an extraordinary moment in history." □

Review: Smartphone app makes diagnosis in 'Cell'

WAKA TSUNODA
Associated Press

Robin Cook has been entertaining medical thriller fans for decades, but he does much more with his latest novel, "Cell."

The story begins when a company gives prospective investors some exciting news: It has a smartphone app called iDoc that could replace primary-care physicians. With iDoc, if a patient has a sore throat, all

he has to do is put his saliva on his phone's touch screen. The app will analyze it, make a diagnosis and even send a prescription to the pharmacy.

The app is in the final stage of testing, and participants in the program love it. The government is even considering iDoc for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Then several of iDoc's patients die.

George Wilson, a radiology resident at a Los Angeles medical center, wants to find out what's wrong. His fiancée is among the dead.

The young doctor is no hero. He's confused, naive and worried that he may be entering the medical profession when it has passed its zenith. His vulnerability makes the drama of "Cell" all the more compelling.



This book cover image released by Putnam shows "Cell" by Robin Cook.

Associated Press

Cook has written a thought-provoking story. □

Steve Martin returning to Rochester jazz



In this Saturday, March 23, 2013, file photo, honored guest Steve Martin, left, performs with his band The Steep Canyon Rangers at Muhammad Ali's Celebrity Fight Night XIX at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Steve Martin and his bluegrass band are returning as headliners for the Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival in June. The producers of the 13th annual event announced Tuesday that Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, accompanied by singer Edie Brickell, will perform June 21. Martin and his band last performed at the Rochester festival in 2012.

Earth, Wind and Fire were also announced as one of the six headliners for the festival, which runs from June 20-28. The Grammy-winning R&B band will perform on June 27. The nine-day festival will feature more than 230 shows at 13 venues in Rochester. The other six headliner acts will be announced in the coming weeks. Tickets for the festival go on sale Friday morning. □

Olivia Newton- John to begin Vegas show at Flamingo

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — "Grease" star Olivia Newton-John is headed to Las Vegas. The 65-year-old singer and actress announced a headlining residency Tuesday. She will perform 45 shows at the Donny and Marie Showroom at The Flamingo, starting April 8. Dates are scheduled through the summer. Organizers say the show will feature "Grease" classics including "Hopelessly Devoted to You" and "You're the One That I Want," as well as Newton-John's in-



In this Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013, file photo, Olivia Newton-John arrives at the American Country Awards at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

dependent pop songs. The show will be called "Summer Nights." □

Fran Drescher feels Broadway 'butterflies'



This June 27, 2013 file photo shows actress Fran Drescher at the "Helmut Newton: White Women - Sleepless Nights - Big Nudes" exhibit opening in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fran Drescher recently turned a corner in her life. She's gotten a new pet, a new man and a new job — on Broadway. The Emmy Award-nominated former star of "The Nanny" is making her Broadway debut Tuesday as the wicked stepmother in "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella," a step she knows is outside her comfort zone. "People should always push themselves to feel the butterflies in the stomach, to get nervous, to learn something you didn't know before," the 56-year-old says. Drescher takes over from Tony Award-winner Harriet Harris on Tuesday night for a 10-week engagement through April 13 at the Broadway Theatre. Cinderella is also switching, from Tony-nominated Laura Osnes to "Call Me Maybe" Canadian pop star Carly Rae Jepsen. "Canadians are such sweet people, aren't they? They have no edge," the nasally voiced Drescher jokes before a full day of fittings, choreography and rehearsals. Her phone

has been blowing up with excited texts and emails from friends about her next move. She might be nervous but Drescher — a survivor of uterine cancer — puts it in perspective. "I'm a victim of a violent crime — I was raped at gunpoint. I'm a cancer survivor. I went through a very painful divorce. Life hands you blows. No one leaves this planet unscathed. But, as they say, that which doesn't kill us makes us strong," she says. "No one's going to die if I flub a line. I'll try my best, I'll give my all and I'll do it with great love and passion." Drescher on Broadway shouldn't be such an unusual concept: A native of New York, her parents took her often to see shows and she recalls "Godspell" changing her life. She likes to see as many shows as she can and caught "August: Osage County" three times and "Jersey Boys" twice. She made her stage debut at The Pasadena Playhouse in Ronald Ribman's "Rug Merchants of Chaos." She was in Neil LaBute's "Some Girl(s)," "The Exonerated" and Nora Ephron's

"Love, Loss, and What I Wore" off-Broadway. She also was in a 2008 production of "Camelot" at Lincoln Center with the New York Philharmonic. Her love of the stage is even embedded in her most famous work, "The Nanny." She and the show's creators decided to make Nanny Fine's boss, Mr. Sheffield, a theater producer. "We wanted to support Broadway," she says. "If we were going to plant Miss Fine in New York, somehow Broadway should be threaded through that." The traditional fairy tale she's about to enter has been given a makeover by Douglas Carter Beane, who has turned the musical into a charming, witty story updated for a new generation. Drescher promises to make the part of the stepmother her own, modeling her on Cruella De Vil from "101 Dalmatians" and Miranda Priestly from "The Devil Wears Prada." "My version of the wicked stepmother is going to be very self-absorbed, very confident, very much a diva in her own mind, very glamorous and beautiful," she says. □

Unionized College Athletes?



JOE NOCERA

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Kain Colter is a senior at Northwestern University, a pre-med student majoring in psychology with a 3.1 GPA. For the past two years, he has also been the starting quarterback for the university's football team, where he has shown himself to be a real leader and, in the words of his academic adviser, "a wonderful example of a true student-athlete."

One of the classes he took at Northwestern was about the modern workplace. "We were talking about unions," he recalls.

"About the steelworkers' union, and the professional sports unions. And the teacher said it was too bad you guys don't have the kind of protections a union can negotiate." By "you guys," of course, the professor meant college athletes. The light bulb went on in Colter's head. As an illustration of the power of an education, this story is downright heartwarming. But it could be a lot more.

There is at least a chance - one doesn't want to get too carried away at this early stage - that it could wind up triggering a momentous change in the way big-time college athletics operates. On Tuesday, Colter and the majority of his teammates petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for the right to form a union.

Does a union for college athletes seem far-fetched? If it does, that's in large part because the NCAA has done such a good job over the decades of convincing America - and the courts - that because the athletes are students, they can't possibly also be employees.

The phrase "student-athlete" was, in fact, dreamed up in the 1950s by then-NCAA President Walter Byers, after it appeared that injured athletes in several states might be allowed to get workers' compensation. The phrase, write Nicholas Fram and T. Ward Frampton in an article in the Buffalo Law Review, was meant to "obfuscate the nature of the legal relationship at the heart of a growing commercial enterprise."

Today, that commercial enterprise brings in not millions of dollars but billions.

Yet the players not only don't participate in the spoils, they have no voice at all. "Players need to know that they will be

taken care of if they are injured," said Ramogi Huma, president of the National College Players Association, which is aiding the Northwestern effort. Guaranteed medical care is one of a number of issues that Huma thinks a union could help ensure.

The ultimate example, noted Huma, is the controversy over concussions.

"It is terrifying to think of the damage concussions can do, and see the NCAA avoiding responsibility, while the NFLPA has been making progress," he said. (The National Football League Players Association is the union for professional football players.) Indeed, in a recent court filing in a concussion lawsuit, the NCAA's lawyers wrote that "the NCAA denies that it has a legal duty to protect student-athletes."

It's worth noting that neither Colter nor Huma is advocating that the players get paid a salary.

"What we want is a seat at the table," Huma said. What college athletes need, more than money, is an organization that will push back against the all-powerful NCAA and their own athletic departments, which are so quick to throw their players under the bus at the first hint of a problem.

The question the NLRB will have to grapple with is whether college athletes meet the criteria required to be labeled as employees. In their law review article, Fram and Frampton make the case that they do. The labor board, they note, defines employees as any "person who works for another in return for financial or other compensation." College athletes are compensated with a scholarship. They are also beholden to a coach who - to use the board's language again - "has the power to control and direct the employees in the material details of how the work is performed."

Still, Fram and Frampton note that the NLRB hasn't exactly shined in recent years. Scholars, they write, have described the board as being "largely ineffective." In the case of another class of student workers - graduate assistants - the board wound up ruling that they did not meet the definition of employee. (Yes, there are some graduate assistants' unions.

But they were formed mostly without the help of the NLRB.) Clearly, forming a union of college athletes will be an uphill struggle.

I always thought that the idea of a union for college players was unlikely, but not for legal reasons. Athletes enroll in universities when they are 18 or 19 years old. Their careers lie ahead of them. They don't want to do anything that might cause them to be viewed as troublemakers.

Even after they realize the way the system is stacked against them, they fear retaliation should they speak up.

For that reason, I assumed they would never take that first step, I thought.

Sometimes it's nice to be proved wrong. □



War On Women Or Masculine Mistake



CHARLES M. BLOW

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If one of the overt Democratic lines of attack against Republicans is that Republicans are conducting a war on women, one of the low-simmering, implicit lines of attack from Republicans is that Democrats are conducting a war on men, or at least traditional views of masculinity.

The idea of the effete, feminized liberals threatening to suffocate the last remaining expression of true manliness is rife in Republican rhetoric. They are selling the right wing as the last refuge of real men.

When the Chris Christie bridge scandal erupted, Brit Hume, the Fox senior political analyst, said in Christie's defense: "I would have to say that in this sort of feminized atmosphere in which we exist today, guys who are masculine and muscular like that in their private conduct, kind of old-fashioned tough guys, run some risks."

He sought to clarify this way:

"By which I mean that men today have learned the lesson the hard way that if you act like a kind of an old fashioned guy's guy, you're in constant danger of slipping out and saying something that's going to get you in trouble

and make you look like a sexist or make you look like you seem thuggish or whatever. That's the atmosphere in which he operates. This guy is very much an old-fashioned masculine, muscular guy, and there are political risks associated with that. Maybe it shouldn't be, but that's how it is." Guy's guys are an aggrieved class in that world.

Portraying Republican men as manly and Democratic ones as effete has been a consistent line of attack against post-Bill Clinton Democratic presidential candidates.

As Glenn Greenwald put it in 2007, "For some time now, it has been commonplace for Democratic candidates to be depicted as gender-confused freaks." He added, "One can make a strong argument, as some have, that those personality-attack themes have played a far larger role in the outcome of the last two presidential elections than any substantive issues, and liberals simply have nothing close to the potency of the right-wing filth machine in advancing these gender themes."

The problem with having your message powered by machismo is that it reveals what undergirds such a stance: misogyny and chauvinism.

The masculinity for which they yearn draws its meaning and its value from juxtaposition with a lesser, vulnerable, narrowly drawn femininity.

We have seen recent research suggesting that men with daughters are more likely to be Republican and a study finding that men with sisters are more likely to be Republican.

The study of men with sisters was conducted by researchers at Stanford Graduate School of Business and Loyola Marymount University.

A report from Stanford about the study concluded, "Watching

their sisters do the chores 'teaches' boys that housework is simply women's work, and that leads to a traditional view of gender roles - a position linked to a predilection for Republican politics."

And as Republican candidates oppose a full range of reproductive options for women as well as same-sex marriage, and publicly bemoan the notion that Democrats make women "believe that they are helpless without Uncle Sugar" around to "control their libido," in the words of Mike Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor and a possible Republican presidential contender, the Republican Party is, in fact, becoming a shrinking, male-dominated party.

Only one Democrat has won the male vote in presidential races since 1992 - and that was Barack Obama, who won it in 2008 by 1 percentage point.

The Republican Party is in danger of becoming a man cave of cavemen and the women who can abide them.

The House speaker, John Boehner, has gone so far as to have sensitivity training for Republican members because, as he put it, "some of our members just aren't as sensitive as they ought to be." And the masculinity shaming has not been confined to Republican men. Some Republican women have been equal-opportunity offenders.

At the height of the anthrax scare in 2001, Ann Coulter wrote a piece for the conservative site Townhall titled "The Eunuchs Are Whining," in which she referenced liberals as "mincing pantywaists" and proclaimed that "women - and I don't mean to limit that to the biological sense - always become hysterical at the first sign of trouble."

This last-bastion-of-bare-chestedness is a politically ill-fated one in a country quickly evolving to value all of its citizens equally. □

Deep Inside Minnesota's Hockey Cradle (Pop. 1,781)

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WARROAD, Minn. - This time no royal titles were conferred, like King and Queen of the Frosty Festival, which T.J. Oshie and Gigi Marvin were crowned at Warroad High School in 2005.

Still, it is no small honor for two classmates to be named Olympians from a place that calls itself Hockeytown USA and is one of international sport's most

Olympic appearance.

Oshie, 27, a wing with the St. Louis Blues, is the town's eighth Olympian. In his debut, he faces a certain historical imperative: The U.S. men have never won hockey gold without a player from Warroad.

"That's either a good omen to carry with you or there is pressure there; I'll take the positive vibes of it," said Dave Christian, who won a gold medal with the Mira-

Dave Marvin, Gigi's uncle, who coaches the girls' team at Warroad High School. "Can you imagine that storyline?"

Olympic posters of Oshie and Marvin decorate the windows of downtown businesses from the T-Shirt Barrel to the Main Street Bar and Grill. Locals can take photographs with cardboard likenesses of the players. Their first names are included among the

more ice time.

When the teams reach the state tournament, school closes for spring break.

"Everything is scheduled around hockey," said Beth Marvin, the town historian and Gigi's grandmother whose late husband, Cal, coached the U.S. national team in 1958. "Wednesday is supposed to be church night, but you wouldn't know it."

At the Warroad Museum,

ing the town's indoor rinks and supporting the youth hockey league.

It is critical, hockey officials say, that except for selling a few \$100 raffle tickets and having their parents volunteer at the concession stands, children skate free in Warroad. In other places, it might cost \$25 an hour. "Our sport nationwide is contingent on whether you can afford it," said Mike Marvin, Gigi's father. "Here, the rink is open to anyone who wants to be there. You can skate all day at whatever level you want. If you're 10, you can skate with 7- or 12-year-olds. Girls can skate with boys. It allows the average player to be good and the good ones to be great."

Women were not permitted to play Olympic hockey until 1998, but Gigi Marvin did not sit around waiting. When the Warroad High School boys won state in 1996, two days after her 9th birthday, she refused to leave the rink and join the community celebration. The rink manager turned out the lights, so Marvin grabbed a lighted puck and kept playing with her friends.

"We appreciated that the town won the state championship, but if there's a way to keep skating, we figure it out," Marvin said.

Scuff marks from pucks and chalk marks that registered goals are still visible in the basement of her parents' house. Recently, Marvin sent her mother a note saying, "Thanks for all the Christmas, Easter and Halloween decorations you allowed us to break so we could pursue our dreams." Oshie grew up north of Seattle and sometimes took summer visits to Warroad, where relatives lived. An uncle, Max Oshie, scored 12 goals for Warroad High School on Jan. 6, 1948, and led the Warriors to the state title game.

Before they became high school royalty, Oshie and Marvin got into a scuffle during a summer hockey camp when they were 9 or 10, said Boucha, who is Oshie's cousin. □



The Warroad and Roseau boys varsity hockey teams warm up before their game, which is considered one of the biggest rivalries in high school hockey, at the Gardens Arena in Warroad, Minn., Jan. 28, 2014. Warroad has sent seven hockey players to the Olympics since 1956 — four of them from the same family, the Christians — and each one has returned with a medal. The hope is for a pair of golds at the Sochi Games.

(Tim Gruber/The New York Times)

remote and unlikely capitals.

Warroad, population 1,781, a civic snow globe 6 miles from the Canadian border, has as many indoor rinks (two) as red lights. The town has sent seven hockey players to the Olympics since 1956 - four of them from the same family, the Christians - and each one has returned with a medal. The hope is for a pair of golds at the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

Marvin, 26, a defenseman who won a silver medal with the U.S. women in 2010, will make her second

cle on Ice team at the 1980 Winter Games in Lake Placid, N.Y., and whose father, Bill, and uncle, Roger, won gold at the 1960 Olympics in Squaw Valley, Calif.

Another uncle, Gordon Christian, brought a silver medal home from the 1956 Winter Games in Cortina, Italy, (as did another player from Warroad named Dan McKinnon). And a nephew, Brock Nelson of the New York Islanders, could be Warroad's next Olympic candidate for the 2018 Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

"Third generation," said

46 signs along Highway 11 that salute each man and woman on the U.S. hockey teams headed to Sochi.

"If they both brought home gold, we might have to build a statue for the Frosty King and Queen," said Henry Boucha, who won a silver medal at the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan.

The boys at Warroad High School have won four state championships and the girls have won two. Dozens have received college scholarships. A four-day school week, begun for financial reasons, opens

hockey is traced to 1904 when George Marvin, Gigi's great-grandfather, got off a train from Manitoba to manage a grain elevator and a lumber and coal business. "Do you play hockey?" asked the man who greeted Marvin.

Retellings have hardened the story into fact.

"It was in the paper," said Beth Marvin, the town historian. "It might even be true."

George Marvin's five sons built a window and door business that now employs 2,000 people. And they were instrumental in financ-